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BONN, PARIS REBUFF TO MOLOTOV

West German Bundestag Backs London Agreement

MAJORITY APPROVAL EXPECTED IN FRANCE

London, Oct. 7.

Despite the hint of the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Molotov, yesterday that Russia may seek reunification of Germany soon — a move regarded in London and Washington aimed at disrupting the London nine-nation agreement to rearm Western Germany — the West German Lower House endorsed the statement made by the Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, in defence of the London agreement.

And in Paris, the French Prime Minister, M. Mendes-France seemed assured of a substantial favourable vote in the National Assembly for French participation in the London plan to include Germany in the Atlantic Alliance.

London observers said they regarded the prevailing sentiment in both Bonn and Paris as a rebuff to the new Soviet approach.

In Bonn—The West German Bundestag (Lower House) endorsed the statement made by Dr Konrad Adenauer in defence of the London agreement and referred to committee a Social Democratic motion calling for four-power talks on German unity as an alternative to the agreement.

After a heated 11-hour debate, Deputies voted by a show of hands in favour of a motion tabled by the four Government parties approving Dr Adenauer's statement.

Earlier Dr Adenauer defended the London agreements on rearmament of the Federal Republic in face of lively criticism from the Socialist opposition.

FREEDOM FOR 50 MILILONS

He spoke after Herr Erich Ollenhauer, the Social Democrat leader, had called for four-power talks with Russia as an alternative to the London agreements.

Asking whether there was no chance the opposition might revise its views, Dr Adenauer declared: "Let us get the occupation regime behind us so that fifty million good, hard working people may finally get their freedom. Surely that is something big."

Dr Adenauer did not agree with Herr Ollenhauer that world tension had lessened since Korea. The tenuous settlements in Korea and Indo-China, the renewed hostilities off the coast of Formosa and the immense arms construction programmes on all sides were proof of this.

"As long as I have had the honour to conduct affairs I have never been so anxious about our fate as in the time since the middle of August," he said. "Since that date, there has been the grave danger that the United States might abandon us.

VERY REAL DANGER

"Believe me, it was a very real danger. It would have meant the certain loss of our peace and freedom."

Dr Adenauer confirmed that M. Pierre Mendes-France, the French Premier, had spoken to him about the Saar—former German territory now economically linked to France—at the end of the London conference and suggested they should talk about it on October 20 in Paris.

"I am just as anxious for the reunification of Germany as anyone else in this room," the Chancellor continued.

MAJORITY ASSURED

Paris, Oct. 7.

M. Pierre Mendes-France seemed assured tonight of a substantial favourable vote in the National Assembly for French participation in the London plan to include Germany in the Atlantic Alliance.

This was the prevailing opinion after a modest speech in which he avoided claiming any credit for the London agreements but paid tribute to "the massive contribution Britain has decided to make to the common cause."

But the mood of the Assembly was one of resignation rather than enthusiasm as France reached the moment of decision in the debate on what is for her a painful issue.

At the same time, the big majority of Deputies outside the Communist Party seemed persuaded that France had no other choice unless she wished to be squeezed out of the Western defence system.

The debate will probably end tomorrow night. The Assembly adjourned after M. Paul Reynaud attacked the Prime Minister on the ground that he had created an independent German army.

This attack fell flat and there was practically no applause except a few feeble handclaps from extremist EDC partisans on the Popular Republican benches.

SOCIALIST MOTION

Paris, Oct. 8.

The French Socialist Party group in Parliament and the Party's executive branch tonight adopted a motion calling on the Government to take all the necessary steps to ensure that the German contribution to [illegible]

Moslem Leader Seized In Egypt

Cairo, Oct. 8.

Hassan Hodeiby, Supreme Guide of the Moslem Brotherhood, has been arrested, police announced early today.

Police said his arrest followed the circulation of signed leaflets inciting the people against the Government.

Dr Hodeiby, strongest single critic of the regime of Lieutenant Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser, has accused the Government of "appeasing" Israel and threatened to sabotage the Anglo-Egyptian agreement on the Suez Canal base.

Lieutenant - Colonel Anwar Sadat, Minister of State, said last month that the Government could arrest Dr Hodeiby at any time, but did not want to give him a chance of becoming "a hero and a martyr."

Dr Hodeiby two weeks ago survived an attempt to oust him from his position as Supreme Guide. Rival factions clashed at a meeting on September 23, held to discuss constitutional changes, but compromised by deciding to retain him as their chief while at the same time seeking better relations with the Government.—Reuter.

Peking Says: Jap Boats Spying On Us

Tokyo, Oct. 8.

Communist China accused Japanese vessels today of spying for the United States on voyages along the China mainland coast.

A Radio Peking broadcast said the charge was revealed by "sources close to the Japanese Maritime Safety Board."

"As revealed by sources close to the Japanese Maritime Safety Board," the broadcast said, "the Board's patrol vessels have been operating in the East China Sea at the request of the United States Far East Navy and Air Force commands with two important missions, so-called anti-submarine operations and the monitoring of coded Chinese military messages.

Peking Radio said the "sources" said that the radar-equipped ships, not identified by type, send military information to United States Air Force officials and that air missions "would be sent out on the basis of these intelligence reports."

Japanese patrol ships "also get close to the China mainland to monitor Chinese military messages which are brought back to Japan and handed over to United States Far East Navy authorities," the broadcast said.

It said the information was also sent to Nationalist Chinese headquarters on Formosa. — United Press.

Hongkong Must Stay British

Says Governor

Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 7.

The Governor of Hongkong, Sir Alexander Grantham, said tonight there would be "extremely serious repercussions in Southeast Asia" if Britain gave up the Colony.

He said "freedom is the keynote of Hongkong." The embargo on trade with Communist China imposed by the United Nations and the United States had had a serious effect on the Colony.

"Her total trade declined by one-third and her trade with the United States to one-quarter of what it was," Sir Alexander said. "This has created serious problems."

Due to its geographic situation, China was Hongkong's main "natural" trading partner.

Sir Alexander said that housing was so short in the Colony that it would "be a relief to the Colony" if a million people would return to China. "But they will not go because they prefer free Hongkong to Red China," he said. "The people of Hongkong are satisfied with the form of government and do not want it changed."

Although there was no Communist Party in Hongkong, Sir Alexander said it was impossible to determine how many Communists lived there. The [illegible]

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Greece Working Overtime

IN the United Nations the Greek Government are working overtime pressing their claim to the island of Cyprus. The preliminaries have been going on for months past with the object of getting the subject on the U.N. agenda. This has been achieved through eleven abstentions in the voting and Britain has made it clear that she will boycott the debate. The supporters are as vocal as the claim is preposterous. Unfortunately the controversy has been clouded over by the decision of the Colonial Office forbidding the free expression of political opinion in the island, but this decision must not be allowed to obscure Britain's case and the many weaknesses of the Greek claim. It should be remembered that Cyprus has never been joined to Greece, although for three centuries both the island and Greece formed part of the Ottoman Empire. It certainly cannot be said that the Cypriots are unanimous in their demands for union with the mainland. Archbishop Makarios, who led the agitation, may have found support, but this is far from being unanimous. There are nearly 100,000 Turks or about one-fifth of the island's population who will, and, in fact, have already opposed the idea of a union. It is ridiculous to think that they should be handed over to Greece without consultation and that is what Greece is demanding.

SUCH a suggestion is unthinkable and contrary to British traditions in dealing with her colonies. Any claim that Cyprus would benefit from a transfer of sovereignty is out of the question and the inhabitants would quickly come to regret it. Britain exports about half of the Cyprus imports and is spending the money which is bringing prosperity to the island. The standard of living would most certainly drop if Greece were to take over, as her own standards at the present time are not high and the country is far from rich. In time the island will have self-government, but the course must be run slowly. There is a question which might prove awkward for the Greeks. Why not put the subject of Macedonia on the agenda for investigation? The Macedonians have long sought freedom from the "Greek yoke." To do so would be meddling in the internal affairs of a country and is, therefore, preposterous, but that is exactly what Greece is doing over Cyprus.

3 New China Mail Features

The China Mail brings you three new features in the coming week including two for the sportsman.

Stan McCabe, one of the greatest Test batsmen Australia has produced, thinks the coming struggle for the Ashes down under will be a close one, but he insists that Australia will win.

The first of a series of three articles explaining his reasons will appear in this Saturday's China Mail. The other two articles will follow next Wednesday and Saturday.

NEW FEATURE NO. 2: Why not take your cue from Horace Lindrum? This great billiards and snooker player has written another series of articles on how to improve your game. These are illustrated with photographs and diagrams and will appear on the sports page every Tuesday.

On Saturday the China Mail begins this year's most sensational thriller — one story written by FIVE BEST-SELLING BRITISH AUTHORS. A different author takes up the story each day where the other left off without discussing development of plot with his predecessor. Don't miss this fascinating series. On Saturday, Michael Cronin begins SEQUENCE SINISTER.

The Saturday Mail continues its new series "World's Strangest Murders" with the story of the mystery of Sir John Franklin's ship in the frozen northwest [illegible]

The Roman Temple in London [illegible] been seeing and [illegible] so much about — this [illegible] Giles family pay a [illegible]

women drivers. Tony Motta, China Mail feature writer, takes you on a visit to a HONGKONG HOSPITAL — a very special hospital for very special patients.

These are just a few of the many first-rate features you'll find in this Saturday's Mail. In addition to the pages of [illegible] overseas pictures [illegible] regular comic strips [illegible]

Mr Plaut And His Famous Doubles

DR ALBERT SCHWEITZER

ARTURO TOSCANINI

MR PLAUT

PROFESSOR EINSTEIN

Yesterday someone phoned up the China Mail to say that Professor Einstein was in town. A Staff reporter cleared up the mystery when he found that the "Professor" was in fact a visiting American travel expert, Mr Walter Plaut who bore a striking resemblance to Einstein. During his world travels Mr Plaut has also been mistaken for former N.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conductor, Arturo Toscanini and Nobel Prize winner, Albert Schweitzer. These four photos show you how easy it would be to make that mistake.

Desperado Killed In Gun Battle

New York, Oct. 7.

A gunman crazed by narcotics fought off more than 100 policemen for almost an hour from an apartment house today in a gun battle which endangered the lives of hundreds.

The desperado, Robert Ricks, a 47-year-old Negro chef employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad, opened fire on the police without provocation, and was killed after 12 bullets had entered his head and body.

More than 100 bullets were sent whining through the crowded apartment and street outside after Ricks was trapped on a sixth floor stairway landing.

In the last desperate rush on Ricks, police appeared from three apartment doors facing the landing and cut him down before he could get a bead on them with his 38 calibre revolver.

He was carried from the building, in the Harlem sector of New York, alive, but died soon after in a hospital.

Ricks, who has a police record for narcotics violations and for carrying a gun, had started the fight by opening fire without warning on two detectives after mumbling, "I'm on the dope."—United Press.

Another Saucer "Being" Seen In France

Chaumont, Oct. 7.

A road worker reported today having seen one of the occupants of a "flying saucer" dressed in a "hair-covered" cloak.

Andre Marey, 48, of Mertrud (Haute - Marne) said that he first saw the coloured "thing" and mistook it for a tree whose leaves were turning to autumn colours.

As he approached, Marey said he saw next to the "thing" a small "being" less than four feet tall, dressed in the cloak. Marey said that when he called the "being" turned and entered the "machine" which rose vertically.

Marey said the machine was spherical in form, and about 30 feet in diameter. Underneath the machine was a sort of a spindle, Marey said, and between the spindle and the body of the machine was a "port-hole" through which the "being" entered.

A flame shot from the spindle as the machine took off. He said that he told his fellow workmen about the incident, and two of them returned with him to the site. All three said they found that the grass had turned slightly milk-coloured, and there were round imprints of small legs where the machine had stood.—France-Presse.

MENDES-FRANCE NAMED IN SPY SCANDAL

'Defence Secrets Went To Him Before He Became Premier'

Paris, Oct. 7.

An arrested government official claimed today that some of the secrets stolen from France's National Defence Council were destined for M. Pierre Mendes-France before he became Premier.

Authorised sources said the allegation was made by Rene Turpin, former member of the Defence Council Secretariat, who has been charged with violating State security in revealing information from the Council's meeting.

Turpin told a military tribunal investigating the scandal that a transcript of the Council's meeting on May 26 went through his Secretariat colleague, Roger Labrusse, to M. Mendes-France. Labrusse also has been arrested in the spy investigation.

Turpin claimed Labrusse told him the transcript of the meeting was given to Emmanuel d'Astier de la Vigerie, director of the Communist-line newspaper liberation, who allegedly passed it to Mendes-France.

Turpin was understood to have told the tribunal that he wanted peace in Indo-China. So did Labrusse. This was why the two officials passed on defence secrets to various people.

He alleged that the common desire for an Indo-Chinese settlement also brought de la Vigerie and M. Mendes-France into the picture.

The Communist-line Liberation, prior to the Geneva conference was a leader among the Paris morning press in the drive for an Indo-China peace. Before he assumed power on June 18, M. Mendes-France was in the forefront of National Assembly Deputies demanding a peace settlement.

De la Vigerie was formerly the employer of a key figure in the spy case, Andre Baranes, a Communist newspaperman who testified that he gave top military secrets to the Communist leader, Jacques Duclos.

Duclos, in turn, has alleged that the United States rather than his Party was behind the spying on France's defence secrets. The investigating military tribunal questioned Turpin all morning and then began hearing his suspended superior, the Council Secretary, Jean Mons, who has been indicted for "imprudence and negligence."—United Press.

Typhoon Nancy May Pass 150 Miles South

STRONG WINDS LIKELY IN HONGKONG

If Typhoon "Nancy" continues on her present course for the next 24 hours, it will pass about 150 to 200 miles south of Hongkong tomorrow evening creating strong winds in the Colony.

Mr G.S.P. Heywood, Director of the Royal Observatory, said in a statement to the China Mail this morning, "Early this morning, Typhoon Nancy was centred over the east coast of North Luzon moving west by north at 14 knots.

"Winds at the centre are estimated to have reached 85 knots.

"The typhoon is now crossing North Luzon, and is expected to enter the China Sea this evening.

"The present indications are that it will continue to move WNW across the China Sea, passing about 150 or 200 miles to the south of Hongkong tomorrow evening and producing strong easterly winds here. There is, however, a possibility that gales may occur in the Colony, should the typhoon take a slightly more northerly course."

Typhoon Ida passed 80 miles to the south of Hongkong on August 29.

Mr N. Rowntree Dead

London, Oct. 7.

Mr N. Seebohm Rowntree, the British cocoa manufacturer, died in his home [illegible]

Mach 1 In Level Flight

Britain Does It Again!

London, Oct. 8.

The second British pilot capable of exceeding the speed of sound in level flight made his first flight yesterday from the Ministry of Supply's experimental airfield at Boscombe Down, Wiltshire.

The plane is a single-seater constructed entirely of metal, with extra thin wings. It is powered by a Rolls-Royce Avon jet [illegible]

THREAT OF RICE GLUT

Asian Countries Not Impressed With American Proposals

DISPOSAL OF SURPLUSES

Ottawa, Oct. 7.

The rice producing nations of South and Southeast Asia have now overcome the world shortage of rice and are faced by the serious threat of a rice glut, the Colombo plan conference heard today.

An official conference source said the United States proposals for disposal of its grain surpluses in Asia as a form of foreign aid had therefore received only lukewarm reception from the prospective Asian recipients.

The 16-nation Colombo plan conference now in its fourth day, heard that reports throughout Asia showed that the food supply of the area was continuing to improve with a rice crop higher than the record level of 1953 when total production amounted to 106 million metric tons.

SURPLUSES

Although the international trade in rice had improved in the first half of 1954, the exportable surpluses were still far larger than prospective imports.

The Colombo plan's programme for more efficient crop production was likely to stimulate the growth of these surpluses, conference delegates were told.

Mr Harold Stassen, United States Foreign Operations Administrator, decided to delay explaining the United States plan for sending surplus commodities to Asia until tomorrow, reportedly when he heard of today's report.

Mr Samuel Waugh, the United States Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, told the delegates that farm surpluses confronted the United States with a problem of great magnitude and mentioned a programme "for the orderly disposition of surpluses."

This programme, the details of which Mr Stassen was expected to give tomorrow, provided for the sale of United States crops to Asian countries. These crops would be paid for in local currency which the United States would lend back to the countries for re-investment in their own development projects and import financing.

IKE'S PLAN

This was to be part of President Eisenhower's plan for overseas disposal of $700 million worth of farm surpluses.

Mr Waugh said this would help to long-term financing for the import of consumer goods.

"We wish to avoid disrupting normal markets or depressing world prices," Mr Waugh said. "We believe that the two of the truly constructive uses to which these surplus commodities can be put is to increase consumption and to promote economic development."

It was learned that the Philippines observer at the conference had requested an interview tomorrow with Mr Walter Harris, Canada's Finance Minister, who is Chairman of the meeting.

Rumours were persistent that the Philippines, the only non-Communist nation in the region not a member of the Colombo plan, would request early membership.

CAREFUL STUDY

The Marquess of Reading, British Minister of State, said later that the United States plan "will need very careful study."

"We expect Mr Stassen to expand on this subject and I would like to reserve comment until I know more about it."

(American plans to dispose of millions of dollars worth of wheat, dairy and other surplus farm products have aroused strong opposition in Canada, Australia and New Zealand on the ground that they would destroy their traditional markets).

Lord Reading praised the countries such as India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma and others who had done so much to improve their lot, both under the plan and outside it. "But," he said, "there is no doubt that when the Colombo plan runs through its six-year period in 1957, that some form of development of this kind has to go on. That is obvious."—Reuter.

NO COMMENT ON CHINA BOMBING

Washington, Oct. 7.

The State Department spokesman today refused to comment on rumours that the United States had asked the Chinese Nationalists to stop bombing the Communist held mainland.

Earlier, press reports here said the United States had suggested this to Nationalist China several days ago.

This request was described as being in accordance with the United States policy of giving General Chiang Kai-shek every assistance and encouragement in defence—but discouraging him from other operations.—Reuter.

Outside Westminster Abbey, London, are Chief Amri Dodo of Gorowa; Chief Sabu, Sultan of Mnguru; Liwali Paul Norbert of Mtama; Chief Sykvanus Kasya of the Meru; and Chief Lenkuti Sefania Sumley Mollel of Arusha, a party of five chiefs from Tanganyika who are concluding their six weeks' official visit to Britain with a ten-day stay in London. —Express Photo.

Central African Federation 'Going Well'

London, Oct. 7.

Sir Gilbert Rennie today put the question: "How goes the new Central African Federation?" and answered: "All things considered, very well."

The High Commissioner was summing up the first year of the Federation's life—the anniversary is on October 23—at a joint meeting of the Royal Empire Society and the Royal African Society.

He said the "prophets of gloom" had been proved wrong in their forebodings of racial troubles, resulting from the establishment of the 500,000 square-mile federation.

PEACEFUL YEAR

"The year has passed peacefully," he added. Those who hoped they would be able to establish conditions in which both Europeans and Africans would be able to advance harmoniously to an ever higher standard of living, had been encouraged in their expectations.

"It would be wrong to say at present that race relations have improved as a result of Federation," Sir Gilbert Rennie continued. "That would be a premature statement."

"Basic improvement must depend upon the extent to which Africans can make educational and economic progress and be helped up the ladder of civilisation and also upon a change in the attitude of many Europeans towards them.

The presence and industry of the 215,000 Europeans in Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Sir Gilbert Rennie said, created jobs for Africans who numbered 7,000,000. This was clearly seen in Southern Rhodesia where the European population is denser than in the other countries of the Federation. The European population of Northern Rhodesia had doubled since 1946 without detriment to African land rights.

MIGRANTS

The policy of the Federal Government was to encourage the maximum number of immigrants that could be absorbed. Limits had to be set, however, because of the shortage of schools, hospitals and transport facilities.

The first year's work of the Federation showed useful achievements already in the economic field. A comprehensive development plan had been prepared for the three years ending June 30, 1957 with an estimated expenditure of over £70,000,000. This included more than £30,000,000 on transport and communications, £7,000,000 on electric power, over £15,000,000 on hydro-electric schemes and over £8,000,000 on the building of hospitals and schools.—China Mail Special.

NEW HUSTLE STARTS AT 'ATOM FACTORY'

Oct. 7.

Important work on the industrial use of atomic energy is being stepped up at Harwell, Britain's main centre of atomic research, on the Berkshire Downs.

This follows the recent addition to the vast amount of equipment in Harwell's laboratories of Dimple and Zephyr—two atomic reactors. Dimple has been installed only a few weeks. Each machine cost several million pounds.

TOO EXPENSIVE

Reactors are "atomic furnaces" which use uranium as fuel instead of coal. When nuclear fission takes place inside the reactors, the great heat produced is drawn off to make steam to drive conventional electric generators.

In their present stage of development, reactors are too expensive and too heavy. The experiments now being carried out at Harwell [illegible]

Sir David Eccles, Minister of Works, said in the Commons last March that nuclear reactors would be "paying their way" within ten years. It would be just in time to take over from Britain's dwindling coal resources.

—(London Express Service.)

Indonesia Allocates Money For Imports

Djakarta, Oct. 7.

The Indonesian Government has authorised 1,035,000,000 rupiahs as an allocation for the import of commodities, it was officially learned here today.

The division of the allocation will be done "in a very discriminatory manner," the source said.

Meanwhile, it was officially learned that the Government intends reorganising the Import Bureau by exercising a strict supervision in foreign exchange.

To curb the undesirable practices, the Minister of Economics will himself decide to which bona fide traders the allocations will be given. —France-Presse.

Bubble Gum Led To Arrest

Wellington, N. Z., Oct. 7.

A new traffic misdemeanour for New Zealand was officially recorded this week.

A traffic policeman on the Napier-Gisborne highway said he noticed a small car ahead of him swerving from one side of the road to the other.

He brought the car to a stop and the driver explained: "I was chewing bubble gum and whenever I blew a bubble my girl friend tried to break it."—China Mail Special.

BRUSSELS PACT

New Protocols Being Drafted

London, Oct. 7.

The French Ambassador to Britain, M. Rene Massigli, presided over the first meeting here of the working group of the Brussels Pact Organisation which is to draft new protocols admitting Italy and West Germany to membership.

Besides amending the existing Brussels Treaty Text to provide for the admissions of Italy and West Germany, the London Working Group is also charged with working out a constitution for the Brussels Pact Council of Ministers, which is to have real power to control armaments of continental members.

The work of the London Group due to be completed by Oct 21 in time for a further nine-power ministerial conference in Paris is parallel to that of a Paris-Brussels Pact Working Group on armament control. This and a similar NATO Group started work yesterday.

NEW TALKS

The last of the official groups which are to prepare for the new set of ministerial talks opening in Paris in a fortnight's time to get down to work is the four-power group on West German sovereignty.

This will start discussions tomorrow in Bonn.

A communique issued by the Secretary - General of the Brussels Treaty Permanent Commission after today's session said that the next meeting of the working group would be held on Monday.—Reuter.

French Population Increases

Paris, Oct. 7.

A census taken by the National Institute of Statistics and Economic Study, last May, revealed that the population of France has increased by 5.61 per cent since 1946, and now numbers 42,774,000. — France-Presse.

Alleged Kidnapping By Starr Brothers

GERMAN CIVILIAN CRIED FOR HELP NEAR BERLIN POST

Berlin, Oct. 7.

Major-General George Honnen, United States Commandant in Berlin, said in a note to the Soviet authorities today that a German citizen had been kidnapped from West Berlin by two Americans.

The Americans, General Honnen said, were the brothers James and Henry William Starr, who appealed to the East German authorities for political asylum and appeared at a press conference in East Berlin last Monday.

General Honnen said the German citizen, Herr Neugebauer, had left the American sector of Berlin on the same day as the Starr brothers were said to have left.

An American spokesman said United States authorities had been informed of West Berlin Police investigations into the Neugebauer case. On this basis General Honnen sent his note to Major-General D. A. Dibrova, Soviet Military Commandant in Berlin.

General Honnen said: "information has now come to my attention which clearly points to the conclusion that Neugebauer did not leave the United States sector of Berlin on September 7 of his own free will and volition but rather was abducted and further that the chief agents in this abduction were the Starr brothers.

On Monday Professor Albert Norden, Secretary of State in the East German Government, had introduced the Starr brothers to the press and described them as "political refugees."

He had told the press that Neugebauer had left his residence in the American sector and gone to the Soviet zone.

IN RESTAURANT

The American spokesman said that Neugebauer was seen with the Starr brothers eating in a West Berlin restaurant on September 7 only 20 minutes before the latter drove by car to the Soviet zone.

A German motorcyclist later claimed that he had seen the three men on the Berlin highway, and that he had heard Neugebauer screaming "Help, I am being kidnapped", just before reaching the Allied control post of Dreilinden.—Reuter & France-Presse.

West Germany Will Have To Float Loans

Essen, Oct. 7.

Herr Fritz Schweffer, the West German Finance Minister, said in a newspaper interview published here today that as a result of the London nine-power agreements he would have to draw heavily on his credit ceiling of 1,500 million marks (about £125 million) to cover the 1955 budget.

He estimated that 9,000 million marks (£750 million) would have to be paid fully in cash next year as the West German defence contribution.

OCCUPATION DEBTS

In addition, he expected the allies would require 3,000 million marks (about £250 million) of outstanding occupation costs within 12 months of the agreement coming into force.

Hence, he was likely to need 1,000 million marks (about £85 million) of the credit ceiling towards paying them.

This would leave only 500 million marks (about £41.6 million) of credits—the amount West Germany normally spent in about a week.

Therefore, he would try to cover 1,500 million marks of the budget by floating long-terms loans.—Reuter.

Irish Guards Band Stranded

Ottawa, Oct. 7.

The Canadian Army is providing board, lodging and transport for the band of the Irish Guards because their concert tour of the United States has collapsed, an Army spokesman said here today.

He said the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto which engaged the band to play for it in August and September, had paid its fares to, and from Britain.

The band had arranged to follow its Toronto engagement with an American tour but the arrangement fell through and it appealed to the Canadian Army for help until it sailed from Montreal on October 10.

PICKED UP

On October 6, the band was "picked up" at Windsor, Ontario, the spokesman said. It had later given free concerts for troops and the public at Camp Borden and Montreal.

He added that the Canadian Army was not taking advantage of the fact that the band had been stranded. The Army "provided free transport, food and lodging and the band was free to give the concerts or not."

The Toronto Telegram said today that the promoter of the band's American tour had run out of money and the band director, Captain C. H. Jaeger had arranged through British and Canadian Army Staffs in Washington for the band to cross from Toledo, Ohio—its last hop—to Windsor, Ontario.—China Mail Special.

Was Corinne Saved?

A dramatic rescue scene? Yes, in a way. It is one of the episodes in a new film starring Corinne Calvet, the French actress. Here she has been rescued from the Seine, though in actual fact she never went near the river—buckets of water were poured over her!—Central Press Photo.

THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY HAVE ACHIEVED

Kyoto, Oct. 7.

Delegates to the 12th International conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations, today publicly completed their formal functions of discussing the raising of living standards in Asia, but privately wondered what exactly they had achieved in the conference room.

At the same time, while the International Institute was under fire in the United States, they also privately agreed that they would lay down their lives to defend the existence of the International Institute of Pacific Relations.

Comment heard from many delegates was "What can any international conference achieve." But some delegates would always add: "We have gained a lot from this conference."

The International I.P.R. is a private organisation which debars from its membership any national organisation connected with government or partisan sponsorship. It is formed from the representatives of political, academic and journalistic circles.

OPEN MINDS

With this background, delegates privately said the main function of the conference was "behind scenes." One Commonwealth delegate put it: "It provided a magnificent opportunity for the meeting of like minds—open minds — to discuss Asia, and therefore world problems."

The conference today summed up in a plenary session the third phase of the conference theme of raising living standards in Asia. Delegates will meet again tomorrow in a public session to ring the curtain down formally on the conference.

Before the conference began, the Steering Committee redrafted the whole agenda to place the technical aspects of the conference theme at the top, and as one Western delegate said, "sweep under the carpet the embarrassing question of Communism and the West's attitude to Communist China."

This had been earlier interpreted by many delegates as an attempt to keep the conference united. These delegates had expressed fears that recent domestic attacks on the United States IPR, the main contributor to International IPR funds, might jeopardise the whole International IPR.

"TOO RESTRICTED"

Today, however, United States delegates criticised the conference agenda as "too restricted" and as ignoring the main problem of attitudes to Communism.

Indian delegates, who with the Japanese were mainly responsible for redrafting the agenda, said the fundamental problem in Asia and in combating Communism was the declared conference theme—raising living standards.

On the other side, however, several United States delegates said they were impressed with the difference of attitude in Asian nations. One U.S. delegate said he had found Asian nations "more mature." They are "more willing to understand Western points of view, perhaps because after a few years of dealing with the problems themselves, they have been inclined to a more realistic attitude."

At the same time, these delegates found the outstanding future of the conference was, as one delegate said, "very real rivalry between India and Pakistan."

Delegates thought that rivalry over Kashmir, which was apparent during the conference, to some extent discounted "idealistic" Asian policies over similar Communist versus anti-Communist rivalries in a wider sphere of the "cold war."

KEY POSITION

Western delegates said Japanese had taken the key position in the conference. They had the biggest delegation and were the host nation eager to impress new Japan on foreigners.

The United States delegates said the Japanese had shown "obfuscation and reticence which makes it difficult to determine the true feelings of the Japanese people."

They added: "It is inconceivable that a country of energy, size and technical skill as Japan should be the passive facing in the Far Eastern situation."

Many non-United States delegates had expected Japan to be strong now, looking for an individual foreign policy after ten years of United States influence, not as a symbol of Asian searchings for the middle ground between Communist and anti-Communist policies.

LONDON DOCK STRIKE

Diverted Vessel 'Black Listed' In Welsh Port

London, Oct. 7.

There was no sign of Government intervention in the two London dock strikes today, but officials are keeping a close watch on developments.

More than 200 ships involving 26,000 workers were idle. The strikes have tied up exports worth £1,000,000, prevented the unloading of vital food and raw materials and cost shipowners tens of thousands of pounds through shipping delays.

Both strikes—one involving the handling of cargoes, the other ship repair work—worsened today.

In the cargo strike, 3,500 more men joined the strikers, swelling the total to about 18,000.

In the ship repair strike, leaders of 15 unions meeting in Northern England, gave the strike their official support and voted strike pay for the 8,000 men involved.

OFFICAL FIGURES

Official figures tonight showed that 130 vessels were tied up by the cargo strike and about 100 in the ship repair dispute.

There was no sign tonight of Government intervention in the dispute through the Minister of Labour, Sir Walter Monckton. But his officials were keeping a close watch on developments to advise ministerial action if the strike becomes a threat to London's food supplies.

Sir Walter Monckton did not take part in the Conservative Party's annual conference at Blackpool, Northern England. He stood by in London, ready to act as mediator if either the employers or the dockers sought his help.

EMBARGO

The British Transport Commission declared that it had placed an embargo on all goods consigned to the London docks by rail or road.

Fears were growing tonight that the strike would spread to other British ports.

Vic Marney, strike leader, threatened "mass meetings" all over the country until the "empire of the employers crumbles."

Shipowners are expected to divert many vessels due in London within the next week to Continental ports, where food cargoes could be kept in cold storage.

The London strikers hope that any cargoes diverted in this manner will be declared "black" by European dock workers.

Tonight in Cardiff, Wales, dockers refused to unload the 4,875-ton vessel Kalina, when they heard that it had been diverted from Tilbury (London).

"BLACK LISTING"

The same "black listing" is feared by exporters who are diverting goods to other ports which are urgently needed overseas.

The car industry, which ships one half of its export models through London is seriously affected by the dispute and can find few other outlets.

Trade Union circles tonight could see no early prospect of a strike settlement as permanent workers were now joining the strikers in large numbers.—Reuter.

Aquila Wants Aust. Freight Service

London, Oct. 8.

A British flying boat company, Aquila Airways Limited, today applied to the Air Transport Advisory Council here for permission to run a freight flying boat service to Australia.

The service, manned by Short-Solent flying boats, would run from Southampton to Perth with stops at Malta, Cyprus or Egypt, Bahrein or Kuwait, Karachi, Ceylon, Singapore and Sourabaya.

The application is for a 10-year licence. Services would start within three months of the date of approval.

Aquila Airways, Britain's only flying boat operators, runs flights to Madeira, the Canary Islands and Capri. Last February, the P. and O. group, the largest shipping operators on the Australian routes, bought a controlling interest in the airline.—Reuter.

BAT GALIM PROTEST

Cairo, Oct. 7.

Egypt has requested the United Nations Truce Observation Commission to send one of its observers to investigate the Egyptian protest that the Israeli ship Bat Galim had illegally entered territorial waters and fired on Egyptian soil, causing injury to several persons, it was disclosed here today.

The United Nations Security Council is to meet next Thursday to examine the Israeli complaint against Egypt's seizure of the ship.—France-Presse.

Moscow, Oct. 7.

A British Parliamentary and Trade Union delegation, led by Mr. Ellis Smith, arrived here by air today on their way to China, the Soviet news agency, Tass, reported.—Reuter.

Soviet Planes May Have Reached San Francisco

Washington, Oct. 7.

A new type of Soviet manufactured long-range reconnaissance aircraft may already have carried out "test" flights over Alaska and even reached San Francisco, according to an article published today in the magazine American Aviation.

This possibility, it said, was suggested by some intelligence reports which had been received.

A member of the staff of the magazine said in reply to a question that the Russians would probably turn to diesel aircraft engines to achieve the long range which the United States had obtained through aerial refuelling and the use of big aircraft such as the B-36.

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Citing sources "in contact with developments inside the Soviet Union," the article said the reconnaissance craft were modified bombers—the Tupolev TU-4, which was a Soviet copy of the American B-29, and the Miasishchev MI-13-RD.

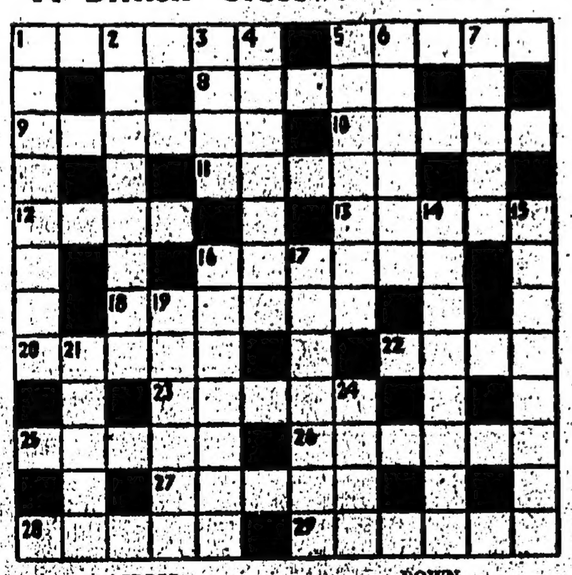
It said the range of the TU-4 was 6,000 miles and the MI-13-RD almost 9,000 miles.

The diesel engines were said to have been developed at the Moscow Khimko engine centre from two wartime German designs, the JUMO 223 and 224. The engines had been in production at Komsomolsk, in Siberia, for more than 18 months.

The Soviet Union might be experimenting with in-flight refuelling of the two diesel aircraft, using tanker versions of the TU-4.

A Tupolev four-engine diesel power flying-boat and a swept wing jet seaplane were also possibly destined for reconnaissance use. Both could be refuelled by tanker submarines, the article said.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Quiver (6).
5 Cosmetic (5).
8 Allude (5).
9 Display (6).
10 Claw (5).
11 Restrict (5).
12 Cheerful song (4).
13 Majestic (5).
16 Modest (6).
18 Chase (6).
20 View (5).
22 Account (4).
23 Requires (5).
25 Lukewarm (5).
26 Merited (6).
27 Prophets (5).
28 Avarice (5).
29 Pardons (6).

DOWN

1 Unhinging (8).
2 Outer covering (8).
3 Spoken (4).
4 Experiences anew (7).
5 Train (7).
6 Speaker (6).
7 Grotesque fiend (5).
14 Novice (8).
15 Goes off with a bang (8).
16 Feared (7).
17 Mumbles (7).
19 Foolish (6).
21 Applaud with shouts (5).
24 Girdle (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD — ACROSS: 1 Serious, 5 Aloe, 8 Vast, 9 Cobalt, 11 Trend, 12 [illegible], 14 Dam, 16 [illegible], 18 Idiot, 19 Mint, 20 Molars, 22 Amite, 23 Opener, 24 Nerve, 25 Treat, 26 Seeped, Down: 1 Shun, 2 Rice, 3 Avid, 4 Defer, 5 Alone, 6 Scrape, 7 Cudder, 8 Aver, 13 Dutch, 15 [illegible], 17 Azure, 19 Alone, 21 [illegible], 22 Sail, 24 Tow.

THIS HARE HAS LEARNED TO BE A MEAT-EATER

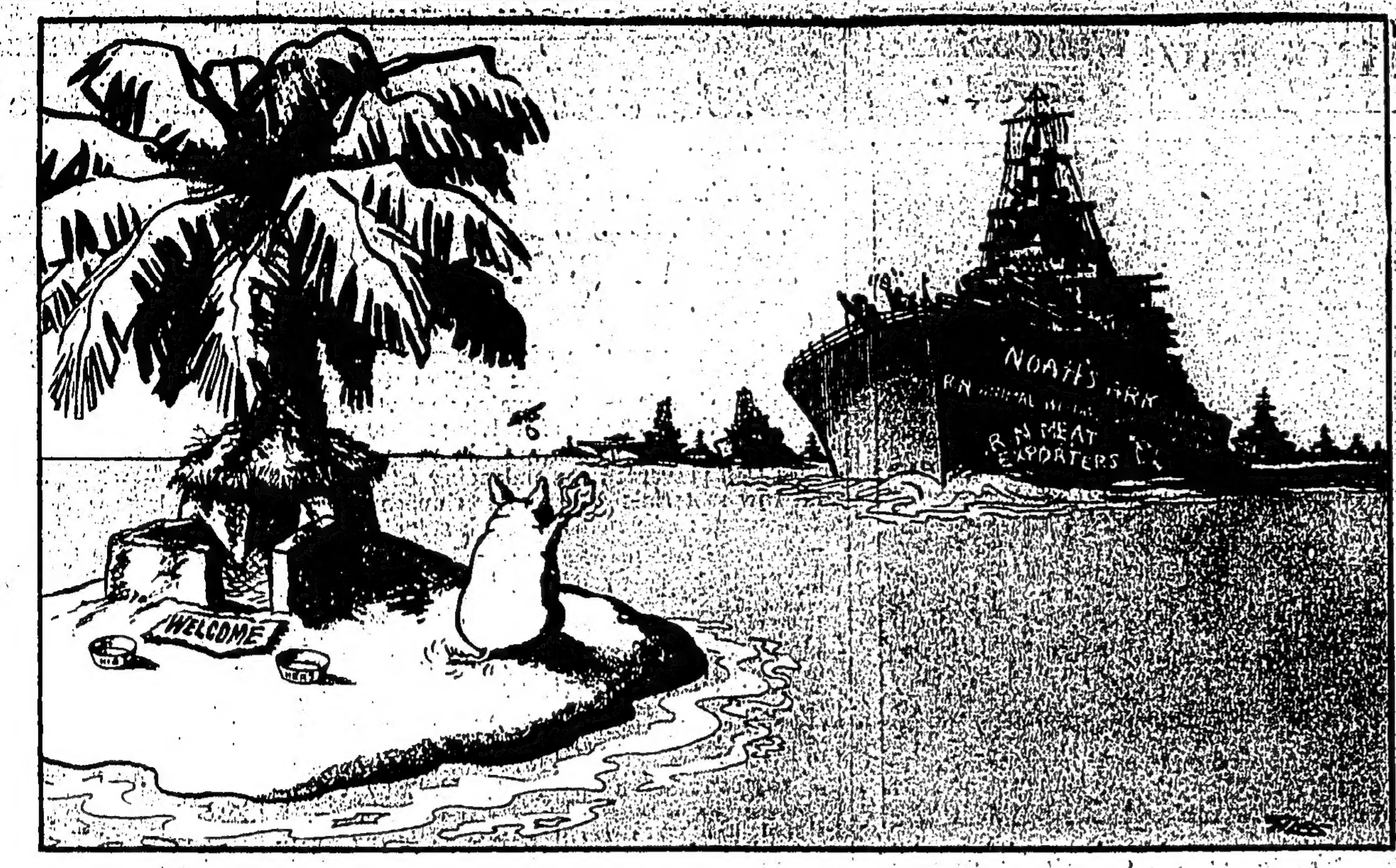
Oct. 7.

A tame, hand-reared young hare given to the Zoo a few weeks ago by a New Southgate woman seems likely to make Zoo history. It will go on the record as being the first meat-eating hare known to the Zoological Society.

The reason of diet has come about as the result of an unusual friendship.

The hare was put on a cage at the north house [illegible] large cage already occupied by three marmosets, and five tenrecs (Madagascar hedgehogs).

The hare soon made friends with the tenrecs, and spent most of his time in their company. Now he even sleeps [illegible]. And tenrecs are [illegible]



Story continued by . . . GILES

The news story which fascinated this department, winding its way home through the belting rain and suffering from the after - effects of Scottish hospitality, had nothing to do with Mendes-France, E.D.C. or mortgage reductions.

It told how the Admiralty had approved the supplying of a "wife" for a miniature bull on an isle in the Persian Gulf. Earlier this year a frigate had presented the little bull to the isle, but had evidently overlooked its social requirements.

"Thank goodness we've still got a Navy," said a lonely old lady pig, somewhere in the Pacific when a convoy arrived with a handsome young husband.

The captain, who by this time had become accustomed to the crew calling him "Cupid," had not yet discovered that some cad from the Pioneer Corps had painted jokes all over the side of his ship.

London Express Service

A wonderful woman and six men who adored her

'BEAUTY AND VITALITY'

This was Kathleen Ferrier at the height of her fame . . . a favourite picture.

by JOYCE STEWART

THE last notes of *Orpheus* faded away in Covent Garden. The voice of the singer, Kathleen Ferrier, was heart-breakingly beautiful.

Sir John Barbirolli, the conductor, bowed while the fashionable audience leaped to their feet and showered flowers on her.

Then she walked to the wings and collapsed. It was her last performance.

It was February 1953. For years she had known she was under sentence of death. Sir John, who also knew her life was drawing to a close, had rushed a completely new production of *Orpheus* so she could appear in it.

He had won his race against death—but Kathleen Ferrier never sang in public again.

Tomorrow six famous men will proclaim before the world their love and devotion* for the woman who stole millions of hearts with her singing and her superhuman courage—Kathleen Ferrier, the woman who died too soon, in the summer of her career.

Theirs is the most human story of the week. The six men probe the secret of her personal and professional success.

They tell how, in 16 years, she meteored from the post office switchboard in Blackburn, her home town, to the great concert halls of Europe and America. Audiences capitulated before her voice. Yet Kathleen remained the same simple, sweet, loving and lovable, humorous person through it all—even in her final hour of triumph and tragedy.

Shilling bet

NEVILLE CARDUS, the critic, tells of her early days . . . how Kathleen, a budding pianist, was at a piano contest in Carlisle in 1937 when she heard a choir singing next door.

Said the 25-year-old Kathleen: "I think I could make nicer noises than that." A friend bet her a shilling she would not go into a contest for contraltos. Kathleen accepted. She won the Rose Bowl—supreme award of all the North's aspiring young singers.

Cardus says: "Great though she was as a singer, she was greater still as Kathleen Ferrier. . . . Not since Ellen Terry has any artist been so universally loved."

But there was another side to her. "She could tell a ribald tale with all the taste and refinement of a fine lady in a Restoration comedy," says Cardus, "and she could lend to a sequence of swear words the rhythm of hexameters."

She also inherited a Lancashire shrewdness. Each item of her expenditure was recorded daily. For example: shoes, £7 7s.; pyjamas, £6 6s., taxi, 12s. 6d.; porter, 2s.

So anxious

BOY HENDERSON, her teacher, tells of her search for perfection. She would anxiously hurry from the concert platform to ask him: "Was it all right, Prof?"

"I often wonder," he says, "what happened when the last brave notes faded in the concert of her life and the trumpets on the other side resounded with a welcome more tumultuous than any applause she had known.

"Did she turn to look round on her friends and the world to which she had given so generously? And as the shades of Bach, Handel, Gluck, Schubert, Brahms, Mahler, and Elgar rose to greet one who had served them faithfully, did some nearby spirit catch the faintly whispered words. 'Was it all right?'"

GERALD MOORE, the accompanist tells of her love of humble friends. When she was singing in Holland, her dressing-room was crammed with people. They were "dying to touch her hand or feel a glance from her."

She was pressed with invitations to dine from all sides, but smilingly refused. Later, with Mr Moore, she drove to a little restaurant they often used. They had a homely supper with the patron and his wife. That was Kathleen. Holland was at her feet, but she chose to be with old friends.

Top award

In 1943 she was unknown. Ten years later she was made a Commander of the British Empire, and the Royal Philharmonic Society gave her their highest award in music—their gold medal.

DR BRUNO WALTER, the conductor, tells of the last time he heard her sing—the *Farewell* part of Mahler's *Song of the Earth*.

"She stood at my side," he says, "in all her beauty and vitality and yet I remember to have felt in her singing of this farewell, an ominous meaning.

"Since then I cannot think of Mahler without seeing her before me, without hearing the incomparably beautiful sound of her voice, visualising the solemn transfiguration in her expression. She and this symphony of farewell—forever they will belong together for me."

BENJAMIN BRITTEN, the composer tells how the world lost some of her recordings. She sang some of his works for the English Opera Group.

Plans to record the programme were made just too late. Several studio dates were fixed then had to be cancelled because of her illness. Engineers even inspected her bedroom and reported it accoustically sound for a recording session. But another operation intervened and in a few months Kathleen was dead.

Then Mr Britten approached the BBC—only to be told that the recordings of that particular programme had been destroyed "in the course of events."

SIR JOHN BARBIROLLI, the conductor, tells of her last days.

He deals with the time when she presented a sublimely heroic facade to the world. Even as her long illness dragged from months into years, she was bravely and truthfully able to say: "These have been the happiest years of my life. . . . what a lucky girl I am."

He remembers Christmas 1952. Before an audience of 6,000 at Belle Vue, Manchester, she sang her last glorious *Messiah*.

Fine fettle

Let Sir John Barbirolli tell of that night in his own words: "It was difficult at the time to realise that this was to be her last *Messiah* for she was in fine fettle, not only vocally (it was extraordinary how her voice remained completely unaffected throughout this period) but physically, too, she seemed better.

"And, at a dinner party later, the artist who had earlier in the day moved us all to tears by her nobly poignant utterance of *He was Despised* convulsed us with a supremely professional performance of a very naughty cabaret song."

Sir John almost broke down once however. She was in Westminster Hospital a few weeks before the end.

"Tita," she said (her nickname for him) "I sometimes pass the time trying to see how much I can remember of my words, but I always get stuck in the same place." Then she began to sing Chausson's *Poeme de l'Amour et de la Mer*, which Sir John had once taught her.

Memorable

"Her voice," he says, "had all the bloom and tender ache of spring in it. The ravages of disease were destroying her body, but as if, in some act of divine defiance, the glory that was hers remained untouched."

Her acceptance of her awful destiny was Olympian. She sang as often as she could and indeed reached a premature maturity as if there were no time to lose.

After a country week-end at the Barbirolli home she wrote: "It has been a memorable and lovely few days and I have saved some heather and rose petals of my posy to keep and gloat over in my old age." . . . . The brave facade was still up.

* "*Kathleen Ferrier, a Memoir*," published at 12s. 6d. by Hamish Hamilton.

IDEAL SPORT FOR POLITICIANS

By Les Armour

London.

THE news that a new world record for tightrope balancing has been set up in Sweden strikes us as one of the most pleasant occurrences in many months.

There is something rather special about tightrope records. To achieve one you do not need the fantastic endurance of a mountain climber, the mighty muscles of a [illegible] the time of [illegible]

Even more delightful, the tightrope balancer is wholly "out of circulation" while he sets his record. And the record has got to the point where it takes quite a while to achieve.

The Swede, who now holds it, a quiet 24-year-[illegible] called Allan [illegible], stood on the wire [illegible] minutes [illegible]

If Mr Malenkov could be persuaded to take up the sport, we might expect dispatches like this from Moscow: "No deviationists were executed in Moscow today. It was explained that Mr Malenkov was engaged in a new attempt on the world tightrope record, and was unable to [illegible] the necessary [illegible]

Secretary of State, Mr Dulles, was standing on a tightrope near Baltimore, Maryland. He is hoping to maintain his present six-minute lead over Mr Malenkov. . . ."

In Britain, where, of course, one would expect unexcelled skill in this kind of thing, good news like this would not be unusual. Britain always have had been recognised for the [illegible] Whitehall [illegible] that the [illegible] Mr [illegible]

"I'm afraid I owe you an apology."

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

THIS being October 8, according to an old tradition of this column there is no opening paragraph.

(To atone for any disappointment suffered by readers, the above words may be traced in ink and blotted. If the blotting-paper is then held up to a mirror, the words will be reflected back. It is all rather fun.)

A noble use for egg-shells

A MAN who collected discarded egg-shells for two years has made out of them what is described as "A life-size model of the Brussels Palais de Justice." I will grant that he may have made quite a big model—but a life-size one? It is about the largest building you are ever likely to see in Europe. So where did he erect it? Presumably in a hundred-acre field. As to *why* he erected it, I do not like to pry into his private affairs. He was probably angry with the small-minded people who draw the Taj Mahal on a desiccated bluebottle's ear, or write out "War and Peace" on a jam-label.

Mrs Slopcorner to her sister

DEAR AMY,

You ask me how Mimsie's little love affair is going. Well, this Mr Suet is a very gentlemanly man, and isn't rushing things. No night-club nonsense. They go to lectures and meetings, as his interests are serious, and he always calls her "Miss Slopcorner" — in front of Dad and me, anyway. His letters are very respectable —no liberties taken. I'm sure she is the only girl in his life, and when he heard that Councillor Thrupp had kissed her for one guinea at the Chalgrove Rally and Auction he seemed quite disgusted, though it meant nothing to her, and was all part of her duties as Scrap-Iron Queen. She evidently likes Mr Suet, and love may come in time. He's not impetuous, like her Dad, who, as you know, swept me off my feet, after being introduced to me at the Aquatic Sports. No more now.

Your loving sister,
Freda.

In the City

THOSE who are demanding a fixed parity, between marginal rates, for a convertible pound, forget that an inflexible rate of exchange always carries with it the possibility of external conversion. A floating pound finds its own level, as a larger gold reserve is needed for market manoeuvres on the smallest scale. An unvarying rate places a strain on the clearing houses, and often forces them to bolster up the price equilibrium by a process of re-disinflation which can only end in financial chaos.

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Here's A Lesson To Remember

By OSWALD JACOBY

"WHEN you're playing rubber bridge, make sure of your contract first and then let the extra tricks take care of themselves."

This is a lesson that B. Jay Becker often teaches at The Card School in New York. Becker, whom his fellow experts consider the most careful player in America, sometimes uses the hand shown today as an illustration of this principle.

West leads the jack of spades, and the average player pounces on the trick with a gurgle of glee. He expects to draw trumps and run the diamonds, winning at least five trump tricks, five diamonds, and the ace of clubs.

Our average player is doomed to disappointment. After South has drawn two rounds of trumps, he cannot make the contract. If West is given his trump trick, he will switch to hearts, and the defenders will take enough hearts to defeat the contract.

	NORTH		13
	♠ 7 3		
	♥ 7		
	♦ A K J 10 5		
	♣ Q 10 9 6 3		
WEST		EAST	
♠ J 10 9 2		♠ 6 5	
♥ K J 8 5		♥ A Q 4 2	
♦ 8 4		♦ 9 7 6 3	
♣ 7 4 2		♣ K J 8	
	SOUTH (D)		
	♠ A K Q 8 4		
	♥ 10 9 6 3		
	♦ Q 2		
	♣ A 5		
	North-South vul.		

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead—♠ J

If South draws three rounds of trumps and then begins the diamonds, West will ruff the third round of diamonds and South must then lose three hearts and a club in addition to West's trump trick.

Becker then shows how the game contract should be fulfilled. South must refuse to win the first trick.

The defenders cannot safely switch to hearts, since dummy still has a trump to stop that suit. If West continues trumps, or switches to diamonds or clubs for that matter, South can draw the trumps and make sure of four trump tricks, five diamonds, and the ace of clubs for the 10 tricks that he needs for his contract.

CARD Sense!

Q—The bidding has been:

South	West	North	East
1 Diamond	Pass	2 Spades	Pass

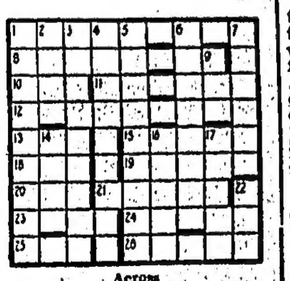
You, South, hold: Spades 7-5-3, Hearts K-Q-4, Diamonds A-K-J-8-6, Clubs 9-7. What do you do?

A—Bid three diamonds. You have a good rebiddable diamond suit, and there is no reason to withhold this information from your partner. It may be all that he needs to bid a laydown slam.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is [illegible] question [illegible]

CROSSWORD



Across
1. Motorists like to get these just so, on their tyres. (9)
8. You've got your own back! (8)
10. Done without a penny. (3)
11. Rain around is backwards. (5)
12. The old lag when he's sentenced? (9)
13. Havoc is one. (3)
15. The invitation to Charlie from me. (5)
18. Pillage. (3)
19. Half a pear in a hod. (5)
20. Do you? I answer in idolise. (1, 2)
21. One penny in little Edward. (5)
23. Venerable old Briton. (4)
24. Lad on a bit of a reverse. (5)
25. Surely in that you see a cathedral city. (3)
26. Hotel, maybe, or vizier. (5)

Down
1. Price Bros. (anag.). (9)
2. These Acts may change. (4)
3. All. (9)
4. Read sense into the romantic songs. (9)
5. Prowlers who go in for this sort of work are out for a good bag. (9)
6. The ascending deer is split by Shap. (5)
7. Sprinkle fine grit on the editor! (5)
9. The 22 Down warriors never do. (9)
14. Penny in the [illegible] (4)
16. Miss [illegible] Bright [illegible] (9)
[illegible]

YOUR BIRTHDAY — By STELLA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

BORN today, you have a touch of genius. Whether or not you develop your talents to the utmost will probably depend somewhat on Fate. You have a vivid imagination and your ideals are high. You expect a great deal out of life and can be heart-broken if you are deceived. You are sincere, honest, kindly and always expect others to be the same. And when they are not, your disillusionment is severe.

However, you have a fine sense of balance and your emotional equilibrium is excellent. You have a good head for business and it is likely that you will accumulate something of a fortune during your life time. You have the ability to take care of minute detail with the utmost care and precision. This, combined with your natural love of beauty and talent in the arts—especially music—indicate that you should find your career in the arts or a profession, where you will be happiest.

You are a perfectionist and want only the best. You cannot be content with anything second rate and would rather go without than take a substitute. You have a keen wit and a great deal of personal magnetism and charm. Select a marriage partner who has similar cultural and intellectual tastes for the greatest contentment.

Among those born on this date are: John Hay, statesman and author; Eddie Rickenbacker, aeronautical expert; Clarence Stedman, poet and critic; Edward F. Albee, theatre magnate; John Cowper Powys, author; and Rouben Mamoulian, stage director.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—A fine day for you. Make plans for a pleasant week-end, out of town, if possible. You will enjoy it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Worry is not anything to concern yourself with! Anything could happen—but chances are it won't be what you're worrying about.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—The stars are in your favour now, so blame only yourself, if things do not work out as you wish them to.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Your mind should be functioning at top speed—and the ideas are excellent. Put them into operation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—If you've been dreaming dreams, lately, then this is the day you can make some of them come true!

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—This is one of the good days, this month, so make it count for something important. You might even have to work overtime.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Your mind should be alert and receptive. Make plans for the future. Your decisions will be sound.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—You may find that a change of scene or activity will do you good. Perhaps you can get away for the week-end.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—A fine day to take the family for an outing. Pack them into the car and get an early start.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Perhaps there are things around the house that need repairing. A good time to get at it!

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Now is the moment to display your executive ability. Assume leadership of a group and make plans for them.

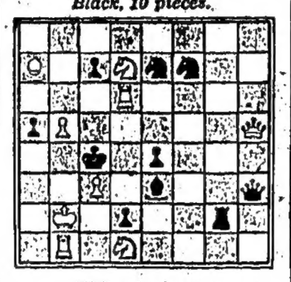
VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Don't waste a second of this week-end. Put it to excellent use in the furtherance of some personal ambition.

DUMB-BELLS

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. R. ATANASIO

Black, 10 pieces.



White, 9 pieces.

White to play; mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1, Q—Q8. 1 ... P×B; 2, Q—R8; 1 ... P—R3; 2, B—B7; 1 ... P—R4; 2, B—R7.

WOMANSENSE

Smart Separates

By VERA WINSTON

Velvet and taffeta are used for this smart pair of separates. The top of black velveteen, is a shoulder-banded camisole with a tailor-made bow straight across the top. It can be worn with either a matching skirt or the one shown which is of oyster white rayon taffeta cut circular, corded in rows and lined to hold its shape.

Opera Star's Valuable Collection

Fascinating Antique Jewels Match Modern Clothes

Paris.

ONE of America's leading opera singers, Blanche Thebom, star of the Metropolitan and national radio programmes, has two rare and unpublicised attributes: a museum collection of antique jewellery, and hair which is nearly six feet long.

Miss Thebom accepts her "one in a million" voice and phenomenal hair as naturally as morning coffee, and seemed surprised when Parisians considered her a four-star celebrity, on her recent private trip to Europe.

What interests this attractive and talented woman are the back streets and Quais (river side walks) of Paris, the museums and paintings, or a 17th century piece of jewellery which she may have seen that day.

SOUND INVESTMENT

Jewellery is her hobby, and her banker husband, Mr Richard Metz, considers it a sound investment. Together, they explore the arcades, the "flea market"—Paris' equivalent of London's former 'Caledonian Market' and the shops of dealers in search of rare pieces usually more than one hundred years old. For jewels dating back only 30 or 40 years appear outmoded in an unfashionable way, while the really ancient necklaces and earrings are curiously attuned to modern clothes.

One of the most interesting and valuable pieces they found this summer was a necklace which should be in a museum. They found it in Vienna and its ownership can be traced back to the early 1800's.

UNUSUAL NECKLACE

The actual necklace comprises 13 separate, gold and diamond motifs in graduated sizes, which transform into an entire "jewellery wardrobe."

It may be worn as a necklace on a flexible gold chain; mounted on a diadem as a court tiara; makes two separate pairs of earrings, or two separate clips, and includes two pounds of gold and 800 diamonds.

Each component piece is numbered on the back, to facilitate an assemblage as complicated as a Chinese puzzle. In addition to the large velvet lined case which carries the masterpiece, a smaller matching box contains the numberless miniature gold screw drivers, hooks, pins, and skeleton frames needed to mount and transform this chameleon necklace.

Miss Thebom started her collection just five years ago. Today, it includes jewels from 14 countries, some dating from the 16th century.

Hair ornaments are wonderfully adapted to Blanche Thebom's individual style of dressing. Antique Roman coins or single pear-shape pearls are chained to her gold hairpins. Or she may wear a Bavarian hat pin—though never a hat—speared through her thick braids after the fashion of Japanese Geisha girls.

An early American nosegay holder which Mr Metz unearthed at Atlanta, Georgia, is made of hand-painted ivory. Miss Thebom fills the tiny vial with water, and fastens it in her hair with fresh flowers for the evening.

DECORATIVE COMBS

Flowers are used again, tucked into a tortoise shell, cornucopia-shaped comb, which she wears to ornament an enormous chignon. Other decorative combs —and there are over a hundred of them—are in Spanish mood, made of jet, carved amber, or filagree.

The combs which serve the functional purpose of grooming the opera star's luxuriant hair, are also antique. But for a very practical reason. A century ago, it was not unusual for women to have such long hair, and they used a type of widely spaced, blunt toothed comb to avoid tearing or tangling. Before Mr Metz found this set of combs for his wife in a Viennese antique shop, he used to buy her coarse metal "instruments used to curry a horse's tail."

Miss Thebom scorns a brush of any description. Her theory is that one can have longer hair, if they simply leave it alone. She never goes to a hairdresser, and says that constant cutting, bleaching and permanent waves are the reasons why long hair is generally so rare today. —China Mail Special.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Paint and string on tape measures empty thread spools to make unusual tie-backs for sewing room drapes.

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To give new flavour to dried prunes, add a few whole cloves while they're cooking, or cook them in grape juice.

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Before driving picture hooks into a plaster wall, soak the nails in hot water for five minutes. This often prevents them from cracking the plaster.

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Fitted bed sheets not only save time, in making beds, but also cut down on ironing. Laundry wrinkles stretch out, smooth and neat, once sheet is fitted over the mattress.

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Don't discard a fibre rug just because it's become faded and dingy. Instead, treat it to a coating of good canvas paint, or use a dye specially made for this purpose. Either is easy to apply, will add new life to the rug, and new colour to the room.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Pixie McSnooze is Lost

—But He Turned Up Inside a Morning Glory—

By MAX TRELL

LONG before they reached the Pine Tree Grove, Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, heard Pixie O'Scowl's voice.

Pixie O'Scowl was saying: "He was here a minute ago, boys. Look around for him. He's got to be here."

The Pixies Searched

By this time Knarf and Hanid had reached the Pine Tree Grove. They came on a strange sight. Pixie O'Scowl was sitting on a white rock. All the other pixies were running around, in and out among the trees. They all seemed to be looking for something.

As soon as he saw Knarf and Hanid, Pixie O'Scowl, who was always rather rude, said: "Don't just stand there looking. If you want to be of some use, go and help the others find him."

"Find whom?" asked Knarf.

"Him," said Pixie O'Scowl.

Here Hanid interrupted to say: "Who's him?"

"Don't waste time asking so many question," said Pixie O'Scowl. "Go and look for him."

Hanid Was Angry

This made Hanid so angry (for she didn't like people to be rude to her) that she seized Pixie O'Scowl between her thumb and forefinger.

"Ouch! Stop squeezing me," cried Pixie O'Scowl. "Leggo!"

Hanid was very stern.

"I won't let you go," she said, "until you tell us who 'him' is and why we have to look for 'him.'"

Finding that there was nothing else to do but to obey Hanid's wishes, Pixie O'Scowl finally agreed to explain everything. As soon, therefore, as Hanid stopped squeezing him, Pixie O'Scowl straightened out his clothes and began: "I came out here about an hour ago with Pixie McSnooze—"

"The sleepy one?" said Knarf.

Pixie O'Scowl nodded: "You're right. He's the sleepiest pixie in the world. But I made quite sure he wouldn't fall asleep. I made a bumblebee stay right behind him and keep humming. I was quite sure that would prevent him from falling asleep."

"Why," asked Hanid, "did you come out here in the first place?"

"Oh, I forgot to tell you," said Pixie O'Scowl. "I came here to gather five-leaf clovers. We always like five-leaf clovers in our salad on Friday nights."

Here, Knarf interrupted to say that there weren't any such thing as five-leaf clovers.

"Maybe you never saw them," said Pixie O'Scowl, "but I've seen plenty of them. Anyway, I was hunting for them at one side of the meadow while McSnooze and that bee were hunting them on the other side. Well, all of a sudden I looked around, and there was the bee all right but no McSnooze."

"My goodness, what happened to him?" asked Hanid.

Pixie O'Scowl shrugged: "He just vanished. That's why we're looking for him now."

It was Knarf who thought of what might have happened to Pixie McSnooze. He asked Pixie O'Scowl to call the bumblebee over, which Pixie O'Scowl at once did.

The bee had stored honey in a morning glory that day.

The Bee Stored Honey

Knarf asked Pixie O'Scowl to find out if the bee had visited any flowers while he was in the meadow. The bee answered that it had visited only one flower, a morning glory, in which it had stored some honey. It meant to come back for the honey later in the day.

"There's where he is!" cried Knarf. "Let's look in the morning glory."

So they all ran around to the morning glory and there, curled up at the bottom, snoring softly, was Pixie McSnooze.

There isn't much more to be told. Pixie O'Scowl yanked Pixie McSnooze out of the morning glory and they both continued hunting for five-leaf clovers, because those were the clovers, as he said before, that the pixies liked in their salad on Friday nights.

Rupert and Niagara—26

FIRST RACE MEETING OF THE NEW SEASON OPENS TOMORROW

By "RAPIER"

The Hongkong Jockey Club's first race meeting of the 1954/55 season opens tomorrow at the Valley and will continue on Monday.

The first Saddling Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. both days, the first race starting at 2 p.m. sharp.

There are nine events tomorrow. The Kwangtung Handicap & Autumn Plate, confined to Class 1 ponies, will naturally form the main attraction and the mammoth cash sweep will be decided on it.

Racing in the Colony is attracting more attention than ever before and all roads tomorrow lead to the Valley where, once again, racing enthusiasts will be able to enjoy their favourite sport.

It is hoped that the weather will be fine and, with the grass track in splendid condition, we may look forward to some keen racing.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

Peider Handicap: One Mile.

The opening race of the season is confined to Class 7 ponies to be ridden by Riders who have not won ten races anywhere at any time.

Laddie (Mr H. K Hung) won the Ripon Handicap for Class 8 ponies over this distance, carrying 159 lbs, at the 10th Race Meeting and on that performance should have a good chance of winning again.

V I P will be taken out by Wing-Commander Barthropp, a newcomer to the Valley, and is about the next best in this field, as it has been showing improved form lately. It will give Laddie a good fight.

Fox Hunter (Mr Albert Lam), is improving in its track work during morning gallops and it will not be a surprise to see it fighting out the finish.

Ben Lawers (Mr Alex Lam) and Honey Dew (Mr K. T. Kooh) should also receive some consideration, especially the former which is not bad.

SECOND RACE

Parkes Handicap: Six Furlongs.

This race will be contested by Class 7 ponies and it looks as if the finish will be fought out between four ponies only.

Royal Command (Mr Samareq) will undoubtedly be made hot favourite and, on form, it should certainly have no difficulty in winning.

Invincible (Mr Plumbly) should fill second place. For the third position Silver Dahlia (Mr Wong), is the choice, but I recommend keeping an eye on Boyne (Mr Ostroumoff).

THIRD RACE

Kwangtung Handicap & Autumn Plate.

This is the main event of the afternoon and the special Cash Sweep will depend on the result.

I expect to see a close finish in which the following should figure prominently:—Gold Crown (Mr H. K. Chuang), Babsie (Mr Wei), Firefly (Mr Samareq), Ben Lomond (Mr Boycott) and Fire-glo (Mr Kwok).

For its win in the Sandown Handicap over the mile for Class 2 ponies at the 12th Race Meeting, Gold Crown should command most support and I think it has a very good chance of winning here, but there is no doubt that it will meet with serious opposition.

Babsie is a much improved pony judging from its track work during morning gallops, and should have a say here.

Firefly disappointed the last time out by running unplaced over six furlongs, but should give the two a good race over this distance.

Ben Lomond and Fire-glo can also be relied on to give a good account of themselves.

FOURTH RACE

Hatton Handicap: One Mile.

In this race for 1954 ponies (Class A), the likely winner should come from Mak Siccar (Mr Robert Tsai), Possibility II (Mr Oliveira), Pot o' Gold (Mr Ostroumoff) and King A (Mr Pih).

Mak Siccar has been responding very well indeed in training under Mr Tsai and in certain quarters it is strongly fancied to win.

Possibility II, which is looking the picture of fitness, should have something to say at the finish.

The fact that Pot o' Gold will be ridden by Mr Ostroumoff is enough to suggest that this pony is sure to be near towards the end, while King A is quite capable of staying in this field.

FIFTH RACE

Cameron Stakes: From 1¼ Mile Post.

Among the ponies running in this event, United Fortune (Mr H. H. Chan) has the best recommendation for a win.

Trio (Mr Plumbly) is known to move fairly fast over a short distance and may turn out to be a dangerous proposition.

The third position will be fought out between Shiraz (Mr Kwok) and Barometer (Mr S. W. Tang).

SIXTH RACE

Hennessy Stakes: One Mile.

This event is for 1954 ponies (Class C) and Free Success (Mr Peter Wei) should be prominent at the finish.

In view of the opposition it should not be fully extended except perhaps by Blazing (Mr H. K. Hung).

Advancement (Mr Pih) should be placed and Congratulation (Mr Samareq) may be worth following as an outsider.

SEVENTH RACE

Caine Handicap: Six Furlongs.

Caesar (Mr Botelho) has a good opportunity of winning this race in view of its fine win in the Alexandra Park Handicap (Second Section) for Class 5 ponies at the 12th Race Meeting.

Hellzapoppin (Mr Tsai) should have something to say about the finish. Mustang (Mr Oliveira) is another pony to bear in mind and in a sprint race it should be well in.

Lawrence (Mr Ostroumoff) and Golden Dahlia (Mr Samareq) are not to be neglected and Eudora, with Mr H. K. Chuang up, is to be considered as it is essentially a sprinter.

EIGHTH RACE

Cornwall Stakes: One Mile.

A perusal of the entries in this race for 1954 ponies (B Class) gives me the impression that Eagle King (Mr Gregory) has a good opportunity of winning as it is in splendid condition at the moment.

New Jersey (Mr Pih) must be borne in mind as the pony is improving in morning gallops.

The distance also favours Tell-me-more (Mr Robert Tsai) but I doubt if it can do better than place.

On account of the low weight which it will carry (135 lbs.), Tip Top (MMr H. C. Woo) is a decided menace.

NINTH RACE

Conduit Handicap: One Mile.

Class 5 ponies will battle out the finish in this last race of the day and, judging from its training performance during morning gallops on Sunday, September 26, when it turned in 1:37.2—last quarter 27.2—over this distance, Apple Pie (Mr Chim Kit) should command strong support in the betting. Personally, I think that Apple Pie should win.

Then there is Ambition (Mr Kwok) but this pony disappointed the public so badly the last time out that I am not too confident regarding its ability to beat Apple Pie.

[illegible] (Mr Tsai) [illegible] Hand are [illegible]

Five Records At Inter-School Swimming Finals

Five records were shattered at the Annual Inter-School Swimming Sports held in the New Ritz Swimming Pool yesterday. New Method College won the challenge Cups in both the Senior and Junior Divisions with 75 and 53 points respectively.

Diocesan Boys' school was first in the "C" Grade section with a total of 26 points.

All the five records were broken in the "A" Grade, two by Victor Lam of NMC and two more by Wan Siu-ming of New Method College. The other was broken by Tang Kam-wing of Wah Yan Kowloon who beat the old record by .8 of a second in the 50 yards butterfly breast stroke. He covered the distance in 31.3 secs.

Lam, swimming his self-styled back stroke easily won both the 50 and 100 yards back stroke, and left his nearest rival half a pool behind in the 100 yards event. He was clocked 64.9 secs for the distance and a check with the existing record they found Lam to have bettered it by 2.1 secs.

Wan Siu-ming swam exceptionally well yesterday and stole the limelight when he bettered the 400 Yards Free Style by 18.1 seconds.

Wan surprised everybody with his terrific stamina. He started off the 400 Yards at a killing pace. Everyone doubted if he could finish the 12 lengths and when he reached the halfway mark everybody expected him to drop out of the race any minute. But he kept on with that killing pace and left his nearest rival a pool's length behind.

Wan kept plugging on and what amazed spectators was that he had enough steam to sprint the last two pools.

In the midget section DBS was by far the better of the teams entered and their winning the challenge cup in this section was not a surprise.

Second in the Senior Section was King George V School with 34 points, Diocesan Boys' School was third with 29 points.

In the Junior Section DBS was second with 29 points followed by Wah Yan Hongkong with 28 points.

Mr Lui Kwai-lau presented the prizes at the conclusion.

THE RESULTS

The following were the results:

"A" Grade

100 Yards Orthodox Breast Stroke.—1. Tang Kam-wing (WYK); 2. Tsang Hing-man (NMC); 3. Chiu Shin-kuen (QC). time 71 secs.

100 Yards Free Style.—1. Wan Siu-ming (NMC); 2. R. Geis (KGV); 3. Bobby Carr (NMC). time [illegible] secs.

100 Yards Back Stroke.—1. Victor Lam (NMC); 2. Wai Kee-haw (WYHK); 3. [illegible] (KGV). time [illegible] secs (Record).

200 Yards Free Style.—1. Wan Siu-ming (NMC); 2. [illegible] (WYK); 3. [illegible]. time 2 mins 9.1 secs.

50 Yards Butterfly Breast Stroke. —1. Tang Kam-wing (WYK); 2. Wai Kee-haw (WYHK); 3. [illegible] (NMC). [illegible]

200 Yards Orthodox Breast Stroke. —1. Tang Kam-wing (WYK); 2. Tsang Hing-man (NMC); 3. Chiu Shin-kuen (QC). time 2 mins 59 secs.

50 Yards Back Stroke.—1. Victor Lam (NMC); 2. Wai Kee-haw (WYHK); 3. Hui Kam-fai (NMC) and Yu Ka-ping (WYHK). time 29 secs (Record).

Diving.—D. Richards (KGV); 2. Peter Wong (NMC); 3. S. Craighead (KGV).

4 x 66 Yards Free Style Relay.—1. New Method College; 2. King George V School; 3. Diocesan Boy's School. time 2 mins 33.3 secs.

"B" Grade

50 Yards Free Style.—1. Tsang Hoi-sang (WYHK); 2. Tong Wing-woo (NMC); 3. Cheung Man-kai (DBS). time 30.8 secs.

100 Yards Orthodox Breast Stroke. —1. Lau Ting-man (NMC); 2. Tong Wing-woo (NMC); 3. Chow Cheuk-fai (KC). time 1 min 21.7 secs.

100 Yards Back Stroke.—1. Lau Ting-ping (NMC); 2. Sin Wing-luk (WYHK); 3. Wong Yan-leung (WYHK). time 1 min 18.4 secs.

100 Yards Free Style.—1. Lau Ting-ping (NMC); 2. Tsang Hoi-sang (WYHK); 3. Cheung Man-kai (DBS). time 1 min 10.7 secs.

50 Yards Back Stroke.—1. Lau Ting-ping (NMC); 2. Kan Yuen-piu (DBS); 3. Wong Yau-lung (WYHK). time 35 secs.

50 Yards Butterfly Breast Stroke. —1. Lau Ting-man (NMC); 2. Yui Sum-ping (DBS); 3. Kan Yuen-pui (DBS). time 37 secs.

200 Yards Orthodox Breast Stroke. —1. Lau Ting-man (NMC); 2. Cheng Yiu-ching (DBS); 3. Chow Cheuk-fai (KC). time 3 mins 58.8 secs.

4 x 33⅓ Yards Free Style Relay.—1. New Method College; 2. Diocesan Boy's School; 3. Wah Yan College (HK). time 3 mins 4.5 secs.

"C" Grade

50 Yards Free Style.—1. Thomas Chadd (DBS); 2. David Mok (DBS); 3. Eu Yee-kuen (WYHK). time 38 secs.

50 Yards Orthodox Breast Stroke. —1. David Mok (DBS); 2. Wong Sheung-fung (DBS); 3. Shiu Man-kit (WYHK). time 43 secs.

4 x 33⅓ Yards Free Style Relay.—1. Diocesan Boy's School; 2. Wah Yan College (WYHK). time 1 min 38 secs.

FINAL ACCEPTORS FOR THE MIDDLE PARK STAKES

London, Oct. 7.

Twelve final acceptors published today for the Middle Park Stakes for two-year-olds, being run over six furlongs at Newmarket on October 12 were:

Taphius, Marwari, Eubilides, Royal Palm, Noble Chieftain, State Trumpeter, Maibedon, Democratic, Tumberland, Our Baby, Rowland, War Hugh, Lacus. All carry nine stone.

Eight acceptors for the Chesham Stakes over one mile and a quarter [illegible] at Newmarket on October 13 are: [illegible]

SOCCER ON THE INSIDE

(Edited by Sam Leitch)

Walsall whisper indicates that new chairman Alfred Owen, the Midlands millionaire, is planning to rid the club of its Cinderella tag in a soccer gamble.

The move involves one of the greatest names in the game.

It follows general unrest in the town at the club's bottom-of-the-table place in the Third Division (South).

There are growing fears that should Walsall have to apply for League re-election a third time they would not get it.

Two Lancashire First Division clubs would like to see Brighton left-half Glen Wilson in their sides. Also interested is manager Ted Drake of Chelsea. Brighton won't be tempted; at least, not for the moment.

STAGGERED THEM

The £25,000 fee asked by Rovers for their right-back, Brian Makepeace, has staggered Newcastle United.

It's more than staggered the Geordies. . . It's finished them.

Right-back is the position which Newcastle chairman Stan Seymour most urgently wants to strengthen. He had Makepeace watched regularly.

He knew Doncaster whisked him from the local colliery village of Rossington for nothing.

No wonder the price—£25,000—proved so terrifying to the Seymour cheque book.

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You are a Soccer manager. . . . low on goalkeeping strength. Your scout tells you of a goalkeeper who has saved nine out of 10 penalty awards. What do you do? Sign him swiftly.

Just what Liverpool chief Don Welsh did when he heard about 18-year-old John Warwick, who plays for Southbourne, in Hampshire.

Club beaten to the punch. . . . Portsmouth.

Scottish international centre-half Willie Woodburn, suspended from Soccer for life, is likely to have that sine die sentence lifted next March.

TAKES HIS CHANCE

Into the Reading office of manager Jack Smith last week walked Johnny Kirkwood. "I want to apologise to you and the directors for the trouble I have caused," said Kirkwood. "I would like to re-sign."

So ends the story of striker Kirkwood, 22-year-old goalkeeper who felt he was worth more than the terms offered by Reading (£14 in the League side, £10 in the reserves).

"O. K.," said Mr Smith. So Kirkwood signed on.

Does Kirkwood, who made 20 League appearances last season and who has been working as a plasterer's labourer this season, go straight into the League side?

"No fear. It won't be as easy as that," says manager Smith. "He starts at the bottom and takes his chance with my other goalkeepers, David Jones and David Neeson."

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South African goalkeeper Doug Rudham—he toured Britain last season—intends to fly to England on October 10 to sign for a League side. He turned down a Chelsea offer to turn pro two seasons ago. Rudham now fancies Liverpool.

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Memo to Ireland's selectors from Norwich manager, Norman Low: "Take a look at my inside forward Bobby Brennan. He is worth another Irish cap. Not only is he playing good football, but he is making all my team play it too."

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Fitness request by the Manchester City management to their players. . . . "Walk as much as possible." Motor - cycles are forbidden.

—(London Express Service.)

Bobby Locke Wins Dunlop Masters' Tournament

Sandwich, Kent, Oct. 7.

Bobby Locke of South Africa, three times Open Champion, today won the Dunlop Masters' Tournament on the Prince's Course here with a 72 holes aggregate of 291 with his nearest rival, Harry Bradshaw, Portmarnock, Ireland's holder, three strokes behind.

When the Tournament for champions, the season's tournament winners and order of merit leaders — a select field of 20 — was inaugurated eight years ago, Locke tied for first place with Jimmy Adams.

Today's winning aggregate was the highest that has ever succeeded in the event but none of the courses over which it had previously been played, including the championship links of Hoylake, Saint Andrews, had offered such a test as the windswept Prince's.

Locke had set a competition record of 71 in his second round yesterday and this was equalled by John Panton in the third round today.

The day's tragedy, when a tense battle for first place was promised, was the collapse of Peter Thomson, Australia's holder of the British Open and Match Play titles. Bidding for an unique treble he was level with Locke at the start of the final round but then took 43 strokes for the first nine holes, compared with Locke's 37, and never recovered.

Locke's overnight lead of a stroke (144 to 145 by Thomson and Bradshaw) was cancelled out by Thomson's third round of 72 while Bradshaw fell back by taking 75 after an outward half of 40.

LEADING SCORES

Leading scores and prize money were:

291 Bobby Locke (South Africa) 73, 71 73, 74 (£500),

294 Harry Bradshaw (Ireland) 72, 73, 75, 74 (£250),

297 Peter Thomson (Australia) 72, 73, 72, 80 (£150),

302 Dai Rees 74, 73, 76 79, (£100),

303 Sid Scott 76, 72, 80, 75, (£75),

304 John Panton 73, 81, 71, 79 (£50),

305 Flory Van Donck (Belgium),

306 Peter Allis,

307 Bill Branch,

309 Norman Sutton,

310 Jimmy Adams and Fred Daily.—Reuter.

American Davis Cup Team Selected

New York, Oct. 7.

Vic Seixas, Tony Trabert and Hamilton Richardson were today named to go to Australia as the United States Davis Cup Team with two other members to be named later.

Bill Talbert was chosen as captain, a role he had in Australia last year. He will be eligible to play if needed.

First task of the United States will be in the Inter-Zone final against Sweden, winners in Europe, at Brisbane on December 16, 17 and 18. The winners of that tie will challenge Australia for the Cup at Sydney on December 27, 28 and 29.

The Davis Cup Selection Committee of the United States announced the names after a meeting today and added a recommendation that two younger players should be sent for experience.

If this suggestion is adopted by the USLTA the Committee will name two men.—Reuter.

BOAT RACE ON MARCH 26

London, Oct. 7.

The 1955 Oxford and Cambridge Inter-Varsity Boat Race, the 101th of the series, will be rowed on Saturday, March 26.

Cambridge lead on aggregate by 54 wins to 45 with one dead heat.—Reuter.

FANLING GOLF

Club To Play Combined Services

A team from the Royal Hongkong Golf Club will meet a side representing Combined Services, Singapore-Malaya and Hongkong, in a match at Fanling on Monday.

Singles will be played in the morning on both Courses and Fourballs in the afternoon on the Old Course.

Scoring will be by points—one for Singles and two for Fourballs, with byes of three holes or over counting one-quarter and half a point respectively.

Following are the starting times, with Royal Hongkong Golf Club players name first:

Old Course

9.16, J. D. Mackie v. F/O A. Brown; 9.20, J. K. Watson v. Lt. Steedman; 9.24, W. E. Hines v. Major Harrison; 9.28, W. D. Leighton v. W/Cmdr. Scott; 9.32, T. A. Butler v. F/Lt. Baird; 9.36, H. W. E. Heath v. Col. Trimble; 9.40, J. B. Mackie v. Lt. Col. P. H. Carey.

New Course

9.16, D. L. Anderson v. Lt. Col. Gardner; 9.20, A. R. Petrie v. Major A. G. S. Edgar; 9.24, A. D. Duffy v. Col. Curran; 9.28, F. D. Hunter v. Major Orr; 9.32, W. A. H. Balfour v. W/Cmdr. Topham; 9.36, R. K. Collings v. Major P. V. Huyshe; 9.40, L. H. Robinson v. F/Lt. Pollington; 9.44, E. M. Wiseley v. F/Lt. Grehan.

"French Angel" Dead

Chicago, Oct. 7.

Maurice Tillet, the wrestler who was a success in America as "the French Angel", died here several weeks ago of a kidney ailment. Coincidentally his 60-year-old manager died a few hours later of a heart ailment.—United Press.

HKFA COUNCIL MEETING

Professionalism Allegations, Complimentary Pass Issue

A Council member of the Hongkong Football Association, at a meeting of the Council of the HKFA yesterday produced clippings from local vernacular papers which alleged professionalism in soccer in the Colony.

The Council, which was presided over by Mr C. S. Wang, decided to have these reports translated after which it would decide whether an inquiry should be held into the allegations.

A resolution that holders of complimentary passes must be in the ground 15 minutes before the start of a game was also passed at the meeting.

The Council or its delegated authority reserved the right, the resolution further stated, to suspend holders of passes, in particular where there may be a capacity house, with the proviso that should there be vacant seats 10 minutes after the start holders of these passes may be admitted to the game.

The resolution was passed following discussion of a joint letter from the Hongkong Football Club and the South China Athletic Association requesting reconsideration of the issuing of complimentary passes to second and junior division league players.

The meeting decided to hold the annual Poppy Day charity match on the Hongkong Football Club Ground on November 8, at 4 p.m. The game will be between the Combined Services and the Rest.

FLOODLIT MATCHES

The question of playing League, Shield and any other matches under approved flood light was next discussed.

It was decided that the question be left to the League Management Committee to recommend to the Council after the installation of flood lighting in the Hongkong Football Club and South China Athletic Association Stadiums and after the actual playing of soccer under those conditions.

On the question of issuing complimentary passes to junior players, Mr Mok Hing suggested the matter be referred to legal advisers to ascertain whether the Association had the right to issue them without agreement by the Clubs concerned.

Mr L. J. Channing pointed out that a resolution to issue these passes was passed by the Council in 1952 and this resolution was adopted at the first meeting of the present Council this season. He thought the Council had the right to pass any resolutions it thought fit, and that affiliated clubs must abide by them.

Several members opposed the suggestion that the matter be referred to legal advisers and on a vote being taken it was decided that the matter be considered by the Council.

The meeting then considered the question of issuing complimentary passes to junior and Second Division League players.

Mr Mok Hing said that if it was stated in the rules that the Association had a right to issue these passes then his Club (South China AA) and all affiliated Clubs must accept it. If it was not so stated, it was, he contended, up to the two Clubs to accept the decision or not.

Following further arguments the meeting decided to continue issuing complimentary passes. The decision of the Council, the Chairman said, would be conveyed to the Hongkong Football Club and South China Athletic Association in writing.

Dr. Sammy Lee To Perform At New Ritz Pool

Arrangements have been progressing for some time in preparation for the exhibition by Sammy Lee, twice Olympic Diving Champion, to take place at the New Ritz Swimming Pool, North Point, on Tuesday, October 19.

In addition to the diving exhibition, which will be in two parts, an entertaining swimming programme has also been arranged.

Major Sammy Lee is due to arrive in the Colony by BOAC plane on Friday, October 15 and in order to avoid a last minute scramble for seats, the Championships Committee of the Hongkong Amateur Swimming Association have decided to organise facilities for advance bookings.

Seats are now obtainable through Mr Hotz, Hon Treasurer of the Association during this week for members of the Association, and sale to the public will begin on Tuesday next.

Taiwan Beats Hongkong At Table Tennis

The visiting Taiwan Team who arrived in the Colony on Wednesday gave one of the most brilliant displays of table tennis ever seen in the Colony, during their exhibition match at the Southorn Playground last night.

They played extremely well and their execution of strokes delighted the packed crowd who had turned up to witness the game.

In the woman's section they distinguished themselves by beating Hongkong 3-0 winning two singles and one doubles.

Chan Bo-but, Ladies' Asian Table Tennis Champion started the evening by playing with Wai Chan. Both players were nervous and did not settle down until the middle of the first game. Chan was leading and it was plain to see that she was the better of the two players. She won the first game 21-18 and the second 21-8.

The second match was a thriller and, Hongkong's Ho Kam-wah played a brilliant defensive game as she returned every shot her opponent put over the net and would have won the match had she smashed occasionally. However she was content to let her opponent, Yiu Chuk make the mistakes. Yiu made the mistakes but also won the match 21-12 and 21-8.

In the doubles Chan Bo-but and Yiu Chuk pairing off defeated Hongkong's Yung Kit-chun and Wai Fong 21-10 and 21-11. Both played well, showing good understanding and teamwork.

MEN'S SECTION

In the Men's Section play was more even and at times it seemed that Hongkong might snatch the match. They won two matches and then went down under pressure.

Wong Sau-chung, Taiwan champion, played a good game using the parholder grip. He used his head in the game and many times caught the Hongkong Player unprepared.

Playing with Lau Sek-long he had the Hongkong player at his mercy time and again. His powerful smashes and lovely drop shots made Lau rush up and down the table. Wong finally won the match 21-11, 21-10.

Taiwan will be playing their second match at the Queen Elizabeth Playground this evening.

The following are the results:

Yim Ting-man (Taiwan) beat Sih Shiu-chor 19-21, 21-21, 22-20.

Wong Sau-chung (Taiwan) beat Lau Sek-long 21-11 and 21-10.

Sih Shiu-chor (Hongkong) beat Chau Lun-ching 21-12, 21-12.

Chau Lun-ching (Taiwan) beat Chung Hing-shiu 21-18, 24-22.

Wong Sau-chung (Taiwan) beat Sih Shiu-chor in straight sets.

Chau Lun-ching (Taiwan) beat Lau Sek-long in straight sets.

HUTTON TELLS AUSTRALIANS HIS TEAM IS ENGLAND'S BEST SINCE THE WAR

Fremantle, Oct. 7.

Len Hutton, captain of the MCC tourists, who were welcomed by cheering thousands when the liner Orsova docked here this morning, admitted that he was a little nervous at coming to Australia as the first professional captain of an English Test team.

Speaking at a press conference aboard the ship, Hutton said he hoped the Australians would give him "a good hand." He said he thought his side was the best to leave England since the war, adding that England had in Peter May, 24, and Colin Cowdrey, 21, the world's best batsmen under 25.

Hutton described the Yorkshire left-hander, Vic Wilson, as probably the hardest hitting batsman in England today.

Referring to his own form in County cricket during the season just ended, Hutton said: "I may as well be frank about this business. Last season I was getting ready for you in Australia.

"In 1953, when we regained the Ashes, I prepared for four months for the Test series and it took me about four months to get over it then. This time I have been preparing for six months in an effort to help England retain those Ashes."

England's attack, Hutton said, would be based on the speed provided by Frank Tyson and Brian Statham.

Hutton then referred to bouncing. "I think bouncing has been overdone for the last eight years and I feel it is up to a captain to help umpires in this respect."

He said he considered one bumper per over was all that was required, adding: "But, of course, a lot depends on the type of batsman."

He said he had no intention of conferring with the Australian captain on this matter. "You cannot make agreements or arrangements about this type of bowling. I know whoever is selected as Australian captain will do everything possible to uphold the best traditions of the game."

Earlier, as the Orsova docked in fine warm weather, Hutton remarked: "It is grand to be in Australia again. We have a carefully chosen team and hope to retain the Ashes."

Mr C. G. Howard, the team manager, said every member of the side was "fighting fit."—Reuter.

Royal H.K. Defence Force Orders

Serial No. 40. Orders By Colonel L. T. Ride, CBE, ED, Commandant, Royal Hongkong Defence Force. Dated October 5, 1954.

Force Orders

Holiday. — Headquarters RHKDF will be closed on Monday, October 11, 1954.

Audit Board. — An Audit Board composed as under will assemble at the Adm. Officer's Office at RHKDF HQ on Monday October 25, 1954 at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of auditing such accounts as may be presented: — President: Captain J. P. O'Driscoll. Members: An officer to be detailed by CO HKRNVR. An officer to be detailed by CO HKAAF.

Force Headquarters

Artillery Battery. — Field Troop. Advanced Class. Friday October 15, 1954. 5.30 p.m. HQ RHKDF. Plain clothes. TARA III Class. Friday October 15, 1954. 5.30 p.m. HQ RHKDF. Plain clothes. Signallers. Monday October 11, 1954 Holiday—No parade. C & R Tp—Monday October 11, 1954. Holiday—No parade.

Hongkong Regiment

Promotions & Appointments—ORs.—Cpl. G. N. Gosano—MT Pl, HQ Coy—Promoted A/U/Sgt wef October 1, 1954. L/Cpls. J. A. Marques & V. F. Souza MT Pl, HQ Coy—Promoted A/U/Cpls wef October 1, 1954. Pte A. J. Xavier and J. Seeto MT Pl, HQ Coy—Appointed A/1/L/Cpls wef October 1, 1954. Pte A. E. dos Remedios, B. C. M. Carnell, and A. P. A. Xavier—Depot HKR — Appointed Depot L/Cpls wef October 1, 1954.

Training.—"A" Coy—Tuesday October 12, 1954. All NCO's Compass Work—Practical (Lt. G. Hampton) RV 5.25 p.m. at MPG for HQ. Dress: Plain clothes. Sunday October 10, 1954—Field Day. Selected Personnel only. Thursday October 14, 1954. Offrs, CSM, C/Sgts & Sgts parade at MPG 5.25 p.m. Dress: Plain clothes. 'B' Coy—Sunday October 10, 1954. No. 5 Pl as detailed. Extra Regt Duties. RV 8.15 a.m. at RHQ. Dress: W.T. Order & bring steel helmets. Thursday October 14, 1954. Offrs & Senior NCO's Trg. RV MPG 5.25 p.m. Dress: Plain clothes. 'C' Coy—Tuesday October 12, 1954—½ Day Trg. Adm—Kit Inspection. RV 1.30 p.m. at MPG for HQ Dress: Clean fatigue. Thursday October 14, 1954. Offrs & Sgts only. RV 5.30 p.m. at MPG. Dress: Plain clothes. 'D' Coy—Wednesday October 13, 1954. .22 Shoot (only those detailed to parade). RV 5.20 p.m. at MPG for HQ. Dress: Uniform, Clean fatigue, Boots, Puttees, Khaki Beret. Thursday October 14, 1954. Offrs & Senior NCO's parade at MPG 5.25 p.m. Dress: Plain clothes. Sp Coy MMG Pl Wednesday October 13, 1954. No parade. Thursday October 14, 1954. Offrs & Senior NCO's only RV 5.25 p.m. at MPG. Dress: Plain clothes. Mor Pl Wednesday October 13, 1954. No parade. Thursday October 14, 1954. Offrs & Senior NCO's only. RV 5.25 p.m. at MPG. Dress: Plain clothes. Depot—Monday October 11, 1954. No parade. HQ Coy Sig Pl—Wednesday October 13, 1954. "Line". RV 5.30 p.m. at MPG. Dress: Clean fatigue O.G. MT Pl—Wednesday October 13, 1954. Lecture I/C Engine Part & WT. RV 5.30 p.m. at RHQ. Dress: Clean fatigue O.G. Thursday October 14, 1954. Learner Drivers Instruction. RV 5.30 p.m. at RHQ. Dress: Clean fatigue O.G. Int Sec—Monday October 11, 1954. No parade. Med Sec Wednesday October 13, 1954. Lecture by M.O. RV 5.30 p.m. at RHQ. Dress: Clean fatigue O.G. Cooks — Wednesday October 13, 1954. Cooks Course. RV 1 p.m. at MPG for Lyemun Bks. Dress: Clean fatigue O.G. Regt Cadre—Thursday October 14, 1954. Offrs. Instr Parade. All members of Cadre to attend. RV 5.25 p.m. at MPG. Dress: Plain clothes. Band & Corps of Drums. Monday October 11, 1954—Corps of Drums only. Drums & Bugles individual lessons. RV 10.30 a.m. at RHQ. Dress: Uniform (A) Wednesday October 13, 1954—NCO's Cadre (a) LMG Bren Introductory shoot (b) 303 rifle. RV 10 a.m. at RHQ for Kennedy Road Range. Dress: WT Order. Friday October 15, 1954—Band only. Classical Rehearsal. RV 11 a.m. at RHQ. Dress: Clean fatigue. Slacks. Sunday October 17, 1954—½ day Trg. Programme as ordered RV 9 a.m. at RHQ. Dress: Uniform. Offrs Day All Offrs, NCO's of the rank of Sgt and above will parade at MPG at 5.25 p.m. Thursday October 14, 1954. Dress: Plain clothes. Programme: Lecture by Lt-Col. J. S. Jefferds US Army.

Home Guard

Training. — Tuesday October 12, 1954. NCOs Cadre. CQB & Bayonet. HQ RHKDF 5.20 p.m. Dress: Clean fatigue (Overalls, belt, beret). Thursday October 14, 1954. Nos. 1 & 2 Pls. Bayonet fighting. RV MPG 5.20 p.m. for HQ RHKDF. No. 3 Pl. CQB MPG 5.20 p.m. Dress: Clean fatigue (Overalls, belt, beret).

Hongkong W.A.A.C.

Training. — Monday October 11, 1954. Holiday. Tuesday October 12, 1954. Signals 'B': Personnel as detailed parade 5.30 p.m. MPG for HQ LF. Dress: Uniform. Wednesday October 13, 1954 Clerks: Parade 5.30 p.m. MPG for HQ RHKDF. Dress: Uniform. Thursday October 14, 1954. First Aid: All personnel will parade 5.15 p.m. MPG for HQ RHKDF. Dress: Uniform. Friday October 15, 1954. Signals "A": Personnel as detailed parade 5.30 p.m. MPG for HQLF. Dress: Uniform. Sunday October 17, 1954. Training Personnel as detailed parade 8.45 a.m. Government Car Park near Star Ferry at the entrance of the Canton-Kowloon Railway Building. Dress: Uniform.

(Sgd.) O. F. Newton Dunn, Lt-Col.,
Deputy Commandant, R.H.K.D.F.

Notices

Force Lunch.—There will not be a Force Lunch this month.

Force HQ Units Guest Nights.—There will be a Guest Night on Wednesday October 27, 1954 for Officers of Force HQ Units. Any gentlemen not intending to dine in should inform the Deputy Commandant by October 20. All gentlemen bringing guests should give the name of the guest to the Deputy Commandant by October 25.

HARD COURT TOURNEY

The following were the results of matches played yesterday, in the Chinese Recreation Club sponsored, Colony Hard Court Tennis Championships, currently being played off at the CRC.

Singles

V.C. Kung beat Peter Chan 6-1, 4-1 (walkover).

Ho Cheong-po Beat W.T. Lee 6-1, 6-2.

Liu Po-hay beat Sham Yum-poh 6-4, 6-4.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Singles

Saubolle v Lie Boon-sing.

K.C. Dao v D.G. Coffey.

Doubles

T. Choy, Tin-kin and Tsui Wai-put v Lam Wai-kai and Fung Moon; F.C. Lonnis and A. Augusteo v Ho Kar-lau and Ho Hi-bor; K. To and Choy Tin-koon v M. Ribeiro and T.E. Rodrigues; H. Kwok and E. Wong v O.L. Fung and H.C. Wong.

Club Teams For Week-end Games

The following have been selected to represent their Clubs in various sports over the week-end and the holidays.

CRICKET

RAF

The following have been selected to represent the RAF in league cricket match on Saturday commencing at 1.30 p.m.

First XI v Army "North" at Sookunpoo, commencing at 1.30 p.m.: Leigh-Bennett, Ledlie, Kettlewell, Steppard, Lee, Green, West, Power, Henderson, Lovett, Murphy. 12th Man: Bladwin; Umpire Sgt. Robinson.

Transport leaves Kai Tak at 12.15 p.m.

Second XI v King George V School at Kai Tak commencing at 1.30 p.m.: Cullen, Bibby, Dougrell, Stanbridge, Hoare, Jackson, Watkins, Foulkes, Hall, Harrison, Lightowler. 12th Man: Oldfield; Umpire: Flt/Sgt. Buttle.

DRC

The following have been selected to play for DRC in the Second Division Cricket match against IRC at Sookunpoo on Sunday.

J. Adie, H. Dawson, R. Danskin, R. Horwood, C. Hughes, I. Hughes, W. James, R. Knapp, A. Peaty, D. Sutcliffe. Twelth Man: W. Treasure.

In a friendly match on Monday at King's Park the following will again play for DRC against Navy.

J. Adie, N. Davies, R. Danskin, Haddocks, R. Horwood, C. Hughes, P. Hughes, R. Knapp, W. Treasure, T. Yeardley, D. Sutcliffe, Twelth Man H. Dawson.

Optimists

The optimists team to play KCC on Saturday October 9 at Chatrr Road, is as follows:—G. H. P. Pritchard, L. D. Kilbee, R. M. MacPherson, T. P. Mahon, K. G. E. Spink, F. Van Oorde, C. T. B. Leader, J. N. R. Pickstone, H. R. O. Hubble, F. B. Thorp, A. M. Bruce. 12th Man M. G. Maroney; Umpire: F. J. Hart; Scorer: R. McAdam.

KCC

The following will represent the KCC 1st XI in their League fixture v Optimists on Saturday October 9 at 1.30 p.m. (Away).

A. Zimmern, P. Wood, D. G. Coffey, W. J. B. Lewis, L. O. Heron, R. Jenner, A. T. Lee, R. E. Lee, B. C. N. Carnell, W. M. Davidson, H. Chamberlain. Scorer: Mrs Chamberlain; Umpire: R. Hill

Second XI v DBS at Home commencing 1.30 p.m.

E. C. Finober, S. V. Gittins, N. Hart Baker, K. Lo, J. Marshall, S. J. Boycott, R. Arpin, A. J. Catley, R. Maddox, R. Bell, C. M. Guildford Twelth Man: E. Ho Scorer: P. Lumb.

Army

The following have been selected to play for the Army (South) in a league match against Recreio at Club Recreio Kowloon on Saturday October 9, commencing 1.30 p.m.

Major Chubb, Major Dudley, Capt Doggett, Lieut Withall, 2/Lt Medd, 2/Lt Brook, 2/Lt Shimmon, 2/Lt Cole, RSM Martin, Sgt. Dowling, Pte Clark.

The following personnel have been selected to play for the Army in a friendly game at Sookunpoo on October 10, commencing 1.30 p.m.

Major Chubb, Major Howard-Dobson, Major Dudley, Capt Richardson, Lt Withall, 2/Lt Medd, Sgt Dowling, Gnr Hill, Pte Clark, Cfn Turner, Cfn Rook, 12th Man—2/Lt Brook.

Army "B"

The undermentioned have been selected to represent the Army 'B' XI v Recreio 'A' at Sookunpoo at the Army Ground on Sunday October 10, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

Major Gascoigne, Major McCosh, Capt Pike, Capt Petty, Lieut Hayward, B. S. M. Aldridch, Cpl Clayton, Tpr Lebentz, Gnr Smith, Cfman Nash, Gnr Cussifer.

IRC

The following have been selected to represent the Club in its fixtures for the week-end:—

"A" Team vs. University at Home on Saturday October 9.

A. R. Kitchell, (Capt.) Odor A. Ramjatan, G. E. M. Truter, A. R. Abbas, Adam Khan, M. A. Wahab, Br. Ali Khan, A. S. Ramjahn, Osman Adem, M. M. Semy Sherry Bucks, Umpire:—G. M. Butt. "B" Team v. Dockyard at home on Sunday Oct. 10: F. M. el Arculli (Capt.) Arthur A. A. Rumjahn, S. F. Chagla, T. A. Degani K. Kalchand, A. Rashid Abbas, M. A. Wahab, JR. T. E. Chibe, A.R., ben Kitchell, A. R. Ramack, R. Kalchandani, Umpire:—K. M. Omar.

Recreio

The following will represent the Club de Recreio's 1st XI in their cricket league fixture against the Army (South) tomorrow at 1.30 p.m. at King's Park.

A.M. Prata M. A. d'A. Remedios, A. E. Noronha, G. N. Gosano, A. M. Rodrigues, H. L. Ozorio, C. A. Guterres, J. A. Guterres, A. P. Guterres, R. A. d'A. Remedios, L. J. d'A. Remedios. Umpire: A. E. Osmund. Scorer: L. G. d'A. Remedios.

Hancock Shield

The following will represent the KCC in a two day fixture on the October 10, 11 at 11.30 a.m. each day (Home)

A. Zimmern, P. Wood, D. Coffey, W. J. B. Lewis, L. O. Heron, R. Jenner, A. T. Lee, W. Withall, B. C. N. Carnell, H. Chamberlain, W. M. Davidson.

LEAGUE BOWLS

The following have been selected to represent their Club in the Second Division League Bowls tomorrow at 3.30 p.m.

KBGC

Second Division v CCC (Away)—V. C. Bond, S. Bicheno, J. G. Meyer, A. Hutton; J. W. Bellamy, A. Bailey, E. F. R. Baker, C. J. Aakew; J. Harris, A. M. Buchanan, F. Howarth, M. E. Purvis.

C.C.C.

Second Division v KBGC (Home).—S. V. Doe, D. A. Neish, H. Randall, S. Leonard, D. C. Lou, C. K. Sung, P. K. Lau, R. Tay, P. Manson, S. F. Ip, T. Leonard, J. W. Leonard.

HOCKEY

The following players are selected to represent the Army teams in the League matches on Sunday at 4 p.m.

Army 'A' v YMCA at the Army Ground, Boundary St Kowloon Bulley Off: Lt Boxall, (Captain) WOII Taylor, Sgt Peberdy, 2/Lt Eardley, WOII Bowell, S/Sgt Forde, COMS Homer, Cfn Cox, Sgt Smith, SQMS Allison, 2/Lt Scoones.

Army 'B' v Recreio 'A' at the Army Ground, Sookunpoo, Hongkong Bulley Off 3 p.m.

RQMS Shillyards, 2/Lt Lindere, WOII Richardson, Cpl Beith, Lt Reay, RSM Opie, (Captain) Cpl Hall, BSM Wront, Lt Lacey, Sgt Field, Cpl Tuid. Reserve—Cpl Barratt.

Army 'C' v RAF 'B' at Army Ground, Boundary St Kowloon Bully Off 2.30 p.m.

Bandsman Lanekar, Major Brice, Lieut Parsons, Tpr Martin, Sgt Bullfham, SQMS Mandie, 2/Lt Ritchie, Capt Eve, Capt Hyde-Smith, 2/Lt Neville, L/Cpl Valentine. Reserve: Cpl Kenny (Sgt Morris).

Nav Bharat

The following have been selected to represent the Nav Bharat in League Hockey Matches against the KITC and RAF on Sunday, the 10th October, 1954:

Nav Bharat "B" v KITC at Pool Ground (King's Park) at 11 a.m.:—Clarion, Amrik, Ragi, Tara, Ranjit, David, Hegde, Charlie, Curry, Jaswant, Charan. Reserves:—Frederic, Ulla and Hari.

Nav Bharat "A" v RAF at Pool Ground (King's Park) at 3 p.m.:—Prem, Harnam, Manjit, Karnail, Bhagat, Gurbux, Gurcharan, Sarwan, Mohinder, Udham, Uttam. Reserves:—Balwant and Daljit.

Do Women Want Film Violence?

By ROY NASH

Are women indirectly responsible for the over-stressed violence which disfigures so many films today?

Anne Baxter, the girl who once told us "All About Eve" thinks so and, as a woman and a film star, she should know something of what she is talking about.

According to Miss Baxter, women as an audience group no longer influence Hollywood producers in their choice of stories.

Only in censorship, she adds, are women "engaged in any sort of relationship to the medium that is still the most powerful of all."

We have all heard about those very active American women's clubs. But, says Miss Baxter, "if there are no classic love stories such as 'Camille' and 'Anna Karenina' on the screen today it is because women will no longer support films of this kind as an audience group on which Hollywood can count.

NO OBJECTIONS

"If there is extraordinary violence in films today it is because women moviegoers show no signs of abhorring violence.

"Hollywood is an industry governed by artists and businessmen. The businessmen have always sounded out what the public wants and given it to moviegoers.

Certainly films are violent. The continued sluggings, shootings and stabbings, the rivers of Technicolour blood have brought repeated warnings to producers from the British Board of Film Censors

Yet is Miss Baxter justified in blaming women? I asked another woman star—Deborah Kerr.

BUCKETS OF TEARS

"I think it is much more due to the violent times in which we live," she said. "This is bound to be reflected in films.

"It's true there have not been so many so-called 'women's pictures' in recent years. Some of them,—Greer Garson's 'Random Harvest' for example—were marvellous.

"Nearly always they were terribly, terribly sad. Women flocked to them, wept buckets of tears and had a marvellous time.

"But I think the long war years and the difficult times that came after eventually brought about a slump in their popularity. Women had far too many troubles of their own to want to go to a cinema to see someone like me eating my heart out there on the screen."

Now, Miss Kerr believes, the "woman's picture" may be coming into its own again.

Despite the H-bomb and the uncertainties of the international situation, women are no longer depressed by irksome details of day-to-day life.

FEMININE APPEAL

"At least they know they can be sure of a good joint in the oven or of being able to buy some new curtains without coupons. So they feel freer, to enjoy a good cry at the cinema."

The film she has been making in England—"The End of the Affair"—is a love story with an obvious appeal to women. There are others on the way.

These comments by Miss Baxter and Miss Kerr set me wondering just what women do want to see when they go to the pictures.

From a poll I conducted among my women friends I should say the present craze for science fiction films has no great appeal for them.

WESTERNS UNPOPULAR?

Westerns are supposed to be equally unpopular with feminine filmgoers. Yet "Shane" was a frequent answer to my query "Which among films you have seen during the past year or so did you enjoy most?"

The ideal film from a woman's point of view seems to be "a good strong story set against a realistic background with people we can believe in."

The advancing years of some of the masculine stars was a frequent complaint. "They ought to be playing grandfathers, not lovers."

So was the courting technique of the tough-guy hero who socks his girl on the jaw to make her fall in love with him—"He's more like the villain than the hero."

The younger generation of masculine stars—Rock Hudson, Tony Curtis, Robert Wagner — are favourites of girls in their teens and twenties. But older women told me "There's nobody today like Leslie Howard."

COURTESY PAYS

Significantly the masculine stars these women chose as their present favourites were Gregory Peck and Trevor Howard, both of whom, like Leslie Howard, usually treat the women in their pictures with respect and courtesy.

Feminine stars whom women miss are the "perfect wife" type—Myrna Loy and Irene Dunne. Women like to identify themselves with a film heroine.

Apparently they have difficulty in achieving this if she is played by someone like Jane Russell or Marilyn Monroe.

As for violence, they hate it. But they don't seem to mind so much if it is not overemphasised, and is a necessary part of the story.

Not Much Hope Of Inter-School Cricket League

Only two schools, the Diocesan Boys' School and King George V, have indicated their willingness to enter the proposed Inter-School Cricket League.

Mr H. G. Asome, Cricket Convener of the Hongkong School's Sports Association, contacted yesterday, stated that he was trying to form a Combined Schools team to participate. This Combined Schools team, it is hoped, will consist of boys from Ellis Kadoorie and King's College. St Joseph's are trying extremely hard to raise a team, but are finding difficulty in doing so owing to the attraction of other sports.

Duke Of Edinburgh Stakes Probables

London, Oct. 7.

Twelve probables for the Duke of Edinburgh Stakes to be run over six furlongs at Ascot Heath tomorrow at 1530 GMT are, with jockeys:

Scamperdale (W. Nevett), Alexander (W. H. Carr), Abatos (S. Smith), Drake (W. Elliott), Court of Claims (F. Durr), Sombrero (E. Mercer), Honey Harvest (C. Smirke), Jardiniere (W. Snaith), Taphius (E. Smith), Variety King (E. Cracknell), My Kingdom (L. Piggott), My Foot (A. Breasley).—China Mail Special.

World Weight-lifting Championships Start

Vienna, Oct. 7.

Soviet weight-lifter, Bakir Fatkhoutdinov, came first with a lift of 315 kilograms in the bantamweight category of the World Weight-lifting championships tonight.

Iran's Mamout Namdjov was second with 307.5 kilograms while compatriot Ali Mirzai was third with 302.5 kilograms.

At the weigh-in before the event, the Soviet favourite, Ivan Odunov, and his teammate, Vladimir Wilkowski, caused a sensation by failing to make the weight.

Fatkhoutdinov was the only Soviet competitor left in this category.

He equalled the world and Olympic record for the three Olympic lifts.

The Championships opened tonight in Vienna's capacity packed Konzerthaus before 2,000 fans with a record entry-number of 23 nations.

This is the biggest number of entries ever experienced at a Weight-lifting World Championship.

In spite of the high number of entries only the United States and Russia are considered major contenders for the world title.

Tonight's first contest was bantamweight.

Press results were:

1. Bakir Fatkhoutdinov, Russia, 95 kilograms.

2. Ali Mirzai, Persia, 95 kilograms.

3. Mamudt Namdjou, Persia, 92.5 kilograms.

4. Schuster, Germany, 92.5 kilograms.

Results of bantamweight match were:

1. Bakir Fatkhoutdinov, Russia, 95 kilograms.

2. Mamudt Namdjou, Persia, 95 kilograms.

3. Komal Mahgoub, Egypt, 92.5 kilograms.

4. Ali Mirzai, Persia, 90 kilograms.

Results of the bantamweight lift were:

1. Bakir Fathoutdinov, Russia, 130 kilograms.

2. Mahmuds Namdjou, Persia, 130 kilograms.

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WEEK-END SOFTBALL

Following is the softball programme of the Hongkong Softball Association this week-end:

Saturday Oct. 9

Ladies Division

Pandas v South China on Ground "A" commencing at 3.30 p.m. (Umpires: Paul Tiu and two CAA Junior team players).

Junior Division

Seventeeners v South China on Ground "A" commencing at 2 p.m. (Umpires: Three Players from Dukes Team).

CAA v Lynx on Ground "B" commencing at 2 p.m. (Umpires: George Pang and two Overseas Juniors team players).

Dukes v Overseas on Ground "B" commencing at 3.30 p.m. (Umpires: D. S. Ling and two South China team players).

Sunday, Oct. 10

Senior "A"

CAA v Saints on Ground "A" commencing at 11.30 a.m. (Umpires: Fred Ewins, M. A. Pereira, and Ed. Carvalho).

Delawares v Pandas on Ground "A" commencing at 2 p.m. (Umpires: Jack Carvalho and two Blackhawks Senior "B" players).

Blackhawks v [illegible] on Ground "A" commencing at 3.30 p.m. (Umpires: Three players from the Delawares team).

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Kramer's Team To Play Two Matches Here

Word has been received from Jack Kramer in Japan, definitely confirming his visit to Hongkong, according to Mr Ho Ka-lau, Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association.

Kramer and his professional tennis troupe, which includes Frank Sedgeman of Australia, Pancho Segura of Ecuador, and Pancho Gonsalves of Mexico, will be arriving by air from Japan on Tuesday Oct. 26 in the morning, and will play their first exhibition at the Hongkong Cricket Club on Tuesday afternoon.

The Working Committee of the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association, have made arrangements for seating accommodation for 1,800 spectators. The seats have been priced at $15 each.

Priority will be given to sports Clubs in Hongkong which play tennis and tickets may be purchased, by members, from any one of the following eleven Clubs: The Hongkong Cricket Club, the Kowloon Cricket Club, the Chinese Recreation Club, the Ladies' Recreation Club, the Kowloon Indian Tennis Club, Club de Recreio, the Post Office Recreation Club, the Indian Recreation Club, the Urban Council Recreation Club and the Hongkong University.

There are only a limited number of special seats available. These seats will have the best vantage points for Clubs who want them for important members or V.I.P.'s. Instead of paying the usual $15 for the seat, Clubs will make a donation to the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association.

Kramer and Company will play two exhibition matches in the Colony, the first on Tuesday and the second on Wednesday. On each of these days, the programme (which is still tentative), will be two singles and one doubles match.

Filipino Basketball Team Captain Suspended

Manila, Oct. 8.

The captain of the Philippine basketball team to the World Championships in Brazil was given a one-year suspension yesterday by the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation (PAAF) Basketball Committee.

The team captain [illegible] by the [illegible]

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NOTICE

BANK HOLIDAY

The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Monday, 11th October, 1954 (The second Monday in October).

Hongkong, 8th October, 1954.

New Zealand Social Security Fund Will Be Self-Supporting By 1970

Auckland, N.Z., Oct. 7.

New Zealanders have had an agreeable surprise in connection with their Social Security Fund.

After being told by Mr Sidney Holland, the New Zealand Prime Minister, in July that £14,000,000 would have to be transferred from the Consolidated Fund to balance the Social Security Fund for the year to March 31, 1955, they have now learned that the Social Security Fund may be self-supporting before 1970.

Mr J.V.T. Baker, the deputy Government Statistician, made this "projection into the future—not a prophecy or forecast" at a conference on the Welfare State organised by the Auckland branch of the Economic Society of Australia and New Zealand.

IMMIGRATION

He based his projections on an assumed population of 2,682,000, including an annual immigration of 5,000, by 1970—an increase of 29.3 per cent compared with 1954—with an increase of 30.5 per cent in the labour force.

Professor J. F. Northey, Professor of Law at Auckland University College, and Professor H. R. Rodwell, Associate Professor of Law at the College, said that Mr Baker's figures were conservative and would not be far off the mark.

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr Walter Nash, one of the architects of the Dominion's social security scheme, suggested to the conference that there was room for an extension of benefit.

He said that there was scope for further extension of medical benefits, so that medical attention would be quite free of charge. At present, the patient pays one third of the doctor's fee.

Improvements in dental benefits, provided free for school children but not available to adults, could be made, he added, and some form of optical benefit introduced.

Mr L. N. Ross, a past President of the Auckland Chamber of Commerce, criticised the social welfare programme, declaring that there is an urgent need for an examination of all aspects of it by a Royal Commission.

FINANCE

He said that the scheme, financed mainly by a tax of 1s. 6d. in the pound on salaries, wages, unearned income and company profits, had no secure financial basis and in the absence of adequate reserves was unlikely to survive a period of economic stress.

Mr Ross suggested the abolition of age benefits and universal superannuation and the institution of a system of national insurance on the pattern of that in Britain.

Free medicine, he said, had proved extremely costly because of extravagance and waste. A small charge for all prescriptions, certainly the first, would be a major step towards placing pharmaceutical benefits on a sounder basis.

The conference was arranged purely to discuss the future of the Welfare State and no decisions or recommendations were made.—China Mail Special.

Mail Notices

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

By Air

Formosa, Okinawa, Japan, Korea, Canada, 3 p.m.
Indo-China, 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia & New Zealand, 6 p.m.

By Surface

India, 3 p.m.
Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

By Air

Japan, U.S.A. & Canada, 8 a.m.
Burma, 8 a.m.
Philippines, 9 a.m.
Japan & U.S.A., 6 p.m.

By Surface

Formosa, 9 a.m.
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
Thailand, 11 a.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, Italy, Great Britain & Europe, 11 a.m.
Macao, 1.30 p.m.
Indo-China, 3 p.m.
Philippines, 3 p.m.
Burma, 3 p.m.
North Borneo, Rabaul, 5 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

By Air

Formosa, Okinawa, & Korea, 3 p.m.
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 3 p.m.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 6 p.m.
Indo-China, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Mauritius & S. Africa, 6 p.m.

"Nazi Morality" Of American Comics

London, Oct. 7.

American children's horror comics, now on sale in back-street bookshops in Britain, have come under the lash of a magazine editor.

Mr Kingsley Martin, editor of the left-wing weekly journal, New Statesman and Nation attacked the "Nazi morality" portrayed in the comics and which was now being fed to English children.

"Can magistrates be persuaded that sadism and horror, especially when offered to children, may be properly included in any definition of obscenity?" Mr Martin demanded.

"Can British parents be roused to action in time before the vested interests in child seduction are too powerful?"

Mr Martin was reviewing "Seduction of the Innocent," an American book by Dr F. Wertham, who exposed the brutal sadism of American comics.

He declared: "Those who want the civilisation of the West to be destroyed could not have imagined a subtler or swifter method of undermining it than to pervert a whole generation of children; to give them an immoral instead of a moral upbringing; to teach them that love is ugly, that brutality is manly, and that everything that Christ taught is 'Cissie.'"

STEADY DETERIORATION

There was a steady deterioration in the reading capacity of American children and a high proportion of American adults who were now illiterate—"If illiteracy means being unable to read anything more subtle than the words in the balloons of comics."

Describing Dr Wertham's book as "terrifying," Mr Martin said the import of American comics was not allowed in this country but English publishers bought the matrices from America.

The most horrific and sadistic types could be bought in the side streets of London and other English towns.

Respectable distributors had rules forbidding their sale. But in practice bookstall managers frequently kept them under the counter.

(Representatives of 27,000 news agents decided at a Stratford-on-Avon meeting recently to campaign against the sale of American comics in Britain.)

Mr Martin said that Dr Wertham was particularly convincing on the subject of Superman, supported "with ghastly logic" by Superboy and Wonder Woman.

NAZI IDEOLOGY

"His illustrations prove only too terribly that a Nazi ideology is being continuously and deliberately inculcated," he said.

"It is correct to inflict any kind of violence and torture on negroes, Chinese, 'ape men', Jews, Indians, Japs, Slavs and Wops.

"All these are shown in the comics as having 'irregular features, swarthy skins, physical deformities,' while Superman is tall, blonde, regular-featured and has at his side a young blonde girl with super-breasts (usually known as 'headlights')."

Americans who wanted to stop this vast perversion were defeated by two groups of opponents whose self-delusions and hypocrisies filled a large proportion of Dr Wertham's book—the comic publishers and an apathetic public.

RICH BUSINESS

The comic publishing business was immensely rich, well organised and entirely unscrupulous, pseudo-psychological experts daily repeated that no evidence existed that comics harmed children.

Mr Martin commented: "To say that the comics have no effect on the children but merely fulfil their instinctive life, is exactly like saying that there is no harm in feeding your children on poison because they get to like it and therefore show what they instinctively need.

"Dr Wertham is exactly right when he says, with the evidence of hundreds of unhappy neurotic children behind him, that the effect of the comic is not to remove aggressive tendencies in children but to remove their inhibitions."

One of the least honest arguments used for the comics was that they led on to interest in more serious literature.

By way of proof it was adduced that sometimes the world's great classics were used by comics. "King Lear, for instance, can be made into a comic book, it seems, only if it contains a realistic picture of Gloucester having his eyes gouged out," Mr Martin said.

NO HARM DONE

Sadism was the most vicious aspect of obscenity. No harm was done to society by teaching, even if somewhat irresponsibly, the beauty and happiness that might come from the sexual relations of man and women.

"In the West, commercial interests are allowed to cover our walls with an endless titillation of sexual appetite," he said. "This can be defended on the ground that the evils of censorship are greater.

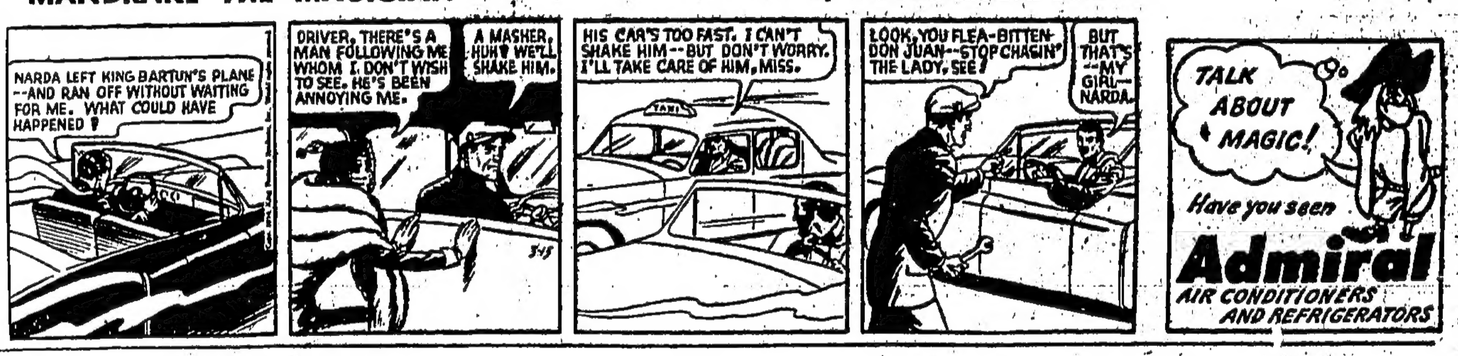
"But to apply this to children's book is senseless."—China Mail Special.

Janet Jagan Starts Third Term

Georgetown, Oct. 7.

Janet Jagan, the American-born General-Secretary of the British Guiana People's Progressive Party, has arrived here [illegible]

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN — By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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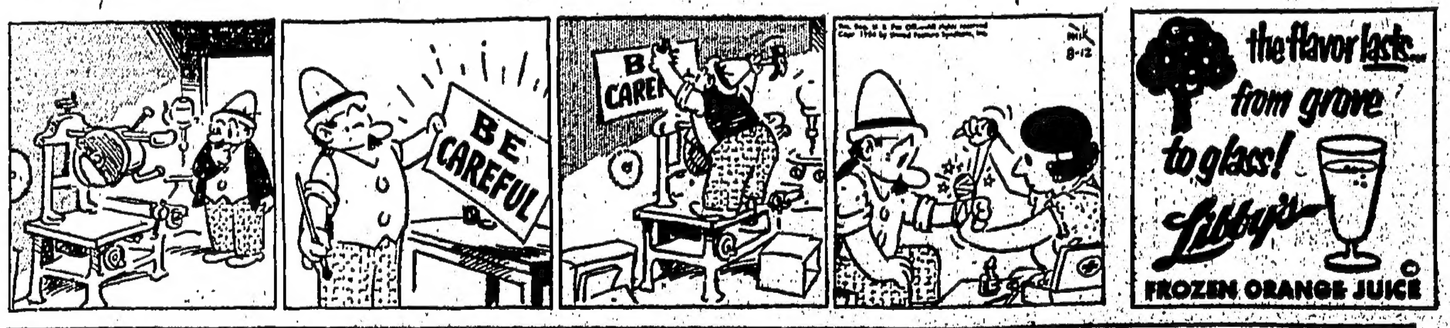

NANCY — By Ernie Bushmiller

JOHNNY HAZARD — By Frank Robbins

Guardsman Faints At Inauguration Ceremony

The scene as comrades and police rush to aid one of the Royal Guards who fainted during the ceremony at the inauguration of the equestrian statue of the late King Christian X, in Copenhagen. The fainting guardsman was carried from the scene.—Express Photo.

Soviet Union Now Less Secretive In The Baltic

Stockholm, Oct. 7.

The Soviet Union is being less secretive in the Baltic Sea although she is tightening her lock on Leningrad.

She is now holding her own fishing vessels on looser strings and has agreed in principle to co-operate in rescuing mariners of any nationality shipwrecked or in distress in the Baltic.

Moreover, she is now allowing Swedish and Danish trawlers to fish the rich shoals lying within the 12-mile wide belt of her own territorial waters. They had been banned from these waters since 1950, when the Soviet Government told Scandinavians that henceforth Soviet territorial waters would run 12 sea miles out instead of only four sea miles, the traditional distance in the Baltic for centuries.

Three reasons are seen for this more "liberal" policy:

1. The Soviet Union needs more fish and must give her trawler skippers a freer hand if they are to bring home better catches.

2. She wishes to increase in neutral Sweden the impression widely held here that her whole foreign policy has been more conciliatory since the death of Stalin.

3. She feels that she can afford to make concessions which cost her little now that the Red Fleet has been improved and enlarged, as the British Admiralty recently disclosed in its report on Soviet naval strength.

Fishing vessels manned by sailors from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, the three Baltic Republics incorporated into the Soviet Union during the war, are now allowed out of the Baltic and into the North Sea in limited numbers and under watch.

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Formerly, they were confined to their own coastal waters lest their crews should escape to Sweden to seek political asylum here.

Vessels going outside the Baltic were usually manned by Russians. This restriction on the Balts reduced escapes to a minimum. But it prevented the reorganised Food Ministries in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania from supplying the increased and more varied catches demanded by Baltic housewives for their families and by the Central Government in Moscow for presumed re-export under trilateral trade agreements.

The need to send fishing vessels farther out to sea in order to increase the range of catches was admitted by Mr Peyel Anisimov, Russian head of Estonia's new Ministry of Fishing. He disclosed over Tallinn radio that three quarters of all catches landed in the Republic last year, were Baltic herring, caught mainly in the bays of Narva and Paernu, where the rich shoals have been decimated by overfishing. Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania sailors in the North Sea will have little chance of running into Western ships to seek asylum.

Their vessels are always accompanied by either a Russian supply vessel or a Russian trawler.

Moreover, an increasing number of warships from the growing Red Navy are going out into the North Sea where, presumably, they can keep a watch on Balt trawlers at the same time as they perform their other duties.

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Soviet shipping movements in and out of the Baltic Sea can be followed closely here, since ships can hardly pass through the southern bottleneck of the sea without being observed. Tallinn, Riga and Vilnius radio also broadcast the movements of trawlers and give flattering publicity to those landing big catches.

The skipper's name, the registration number of the vessel, the size of the catch and the number of miles the ship has sailed as well as the time she has been at sea are all read out triumphantly to listeners.

This is because fishermen are expected to produce considerably larger catches in return for looser leading strings. In Latvia, for example, the official fish plan calls this year for a 28 per cent increase in catches.

The news, that Swedish and Danish trawlers may now fish unmolested within 12 sea miles of the Soviet coast was given by Mr Agnar Nilsson, President of the South Swedish Fishermen's Association.

"Where Polish and Russian patrol vessels used to arrest Swedish trawlers, they now help them," he said. "They even exchange information with them about the location of the best shoals."

The Soviet Union may, however, end this new concession at any time. She still holds fast, the Foreign Ministry here confirms, to the 12-mile limit, although Sweden and Denmark challenge its legality.

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The Scandinavian fisherman therefore, may find themselves expelled from these waters as quickly as they were invited into them.

Fishermen of all nationalities in the Baltic will find an improvement in the rescue service if Sweden and the Soviet Union can finalise their tentative agreement to co-operate to save life in the tricky waters of this rock-strewn sea.

Hitherto calls for help from Swedish stations to Soviet stations have normally been ignored. At most, the Soviet stations would relay the message to Moscow and wait for orders. They would not accept calls from the West."

Nevertheless, Soviet lifeboats were sent out to Western vessels in distress in, or very near, Soviet territorial waters.

Swedish stations responded impartially to distress calls from anywhere sending out ungrudgingly lifeboats, salvage vessels, flying boats or whatever else was needed.

Now Mr A. Frolov, chief of the Soviet Air-Sea Rescue Service, and Captain Hans Hansson, head of the Swedish Lifeboats' Association, have been discussing in Moscow how their services can together make the Baltic Sea a safer sea.

A tentative agreement on humane co-operation, irrespective of ideologies, has already been reached by the Swedish Embassy in Moscow and the Soviet authorities.

While yielding on all these points, the Russians are reported to have reinforced their coastal artillery posts at Paldiski, outside Tallinn, on the south bank, and at Porkkala, outside Helsinki, on the north bank, of the Gulf of Finland.

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These two bases form Russia's lock on Leningrad, since from them a curtain of fire can be laid across the Gulf to seal the approaches to the port.

The Paldiski gunners seem to have been told to keep a sharper look-out for foreign shipping. They frequently send up flares to illuminate ships passing under their sights at night.

On one occasion, their flares burst so far north in the Gulf that they were taken by Finnish lifeboat men at the Kytoo station, near Porkkala, for rockets from a ship in distress.

The Kytoo men who, like the Swedes, help anyone in distress, irrespective of race, put out and spent some time searching for a wreck before they realised what the "rockets" really were. — China Mail Special.

INDIAN MAP

New Delhi, Oct. 8.

A National Atlas now being compiled by the Indian Government will contain among other things "revolution maps" showing the distribution of cinema houses in the country.

It will also contain other maps concerning religion, language, literacy, [illegible] and forest [illegible]

It is expected to take two years.—Reuter.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Hongkong Stock Exchange

BROKERS STILL OPTIMISTIC ABOUT YAUMATI

By A Special Correspondent

The Yaumati interim dividend announcement came this week—$3 unchanged and no announcement of a new or bonus issue. The reaction (a fall of $6 on the week) suggests that there was some disappointment but I found brokers optimistic yesterday that the issue would be announced before the end of this year.

Apart from the fall in Yaumatis and the rise in Banks and Unions, the market this week was again dull and prices were inclined to be fractionally lower.

Sinceres, I hear, passed their dividend this year. In 1952 (the latest figures I have) they paid 30 cents tax free. The market talk is that business has not been good this year and that the company may have suffered from strong competition from their more centrally situated rivals.

Rubbers attracted greater interest this week when raw material prices rose from 72⅛ earlier in the week to 73⅜ Straits cents yesterday. On Wednesday Amalgamateds sold at 95 cents with sellers trying to get a $1. Last Thursday they were around the 89 cents mark.

Banks and Unions had another good week. There was strong demand for Banks both in Hongkong and London and brokers tell me the local market is bare of scrip. Hongkong Bank London register shares were quoted yesterday at buyers £100 and sellers £108. Locally they sold at the peak level of $1,760.

Elsewhere the market was fractionally lower. Cements reached another new high this week when they sold at $30¼ but yesterday there were no buyers at $30. Dairy Farms, at $24.30, are about 20 cents lower on the week.

Utilities appear to have hibernated for the winter. And the Lands and Wharf group are not much more interesting.

Turnover this week averaged about $600,000. The Chung Yeung festival half day cut down interest on Tuesday.

It is rather remarkable that despite the phlegmatic state of the market in recent weeks, the volume of business in September amounted to almost $15 million which was almost double the business done in September of the previous year! But this is not a real indication of market interest or the prosperity of Hongkong brokers. As I pointed out last week a large part of the business on the market recently has been done by syndicates speculating in joint account, with brokers. Small jobbing deals take up a lot of the market transactions. Last September that $7 million turnover at least represented genuine investment activity on the market.

TODAY'S SHARE PRICES

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to $420,082.50. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank	1700		
East Asia	190		
INSURANCES			
Union	915	925	
Underwriters	8		
SHIPPING			
Asia. Nav.			5300 @ 80c
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf	67		200 @ 67½
Provident (Old)	14.70		
Wheelock	7.50	7.00	1000 @ 7.00
			1000 @ 7.55
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	10½	10.70	500 @ 10.60
HK Land	57	58	140 @ 57½
			100 @ 57½
Humphreys	19.80	20.20	500 @ 19.80
			500 @ 19.90
Realty	2.10	2.15	
UTILITIES			
Tram	16	16.30	
Star Ferry	131	130	
Y'mati Ferry	152	154	400 @ 154
			200 @ 153
C. Light (O)	15.40	15.60	2000 @ 15½
C. Light (N)	12.40	12.60	
Electric	31¼	31½	1000 @ 31
			1400 @ 31½
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement		29.90	
Rope		17.70	
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	24.10	24.30	700 @ 24.20
			500 @ 24.10
			300 @ 24.20
Watson	17.10	17.70	
L. Crawford		23.60	
COTTONS			
Textiles	6.00		
Nanyang	9.80	9.90	250 @ 9.80
MISCELLANEOUS			
Entertainment	15½		875 @ 15½
			1003 @ 15.00
			150 @ 15½
Yantsze	6.85		
Allied	4.10		10,000 @ 4.12½

Chicago Grain Prices

Chicago, Oct. 7.

Prices per bushel in cents:

	Closing Prices
Wheat, No. 2, red	
Spot	214n
Dec. 215½ (H) 217½ (L)	217½-⅝
Mar.	220⅝-½
May	218⅝
July	207
Corn, No. 2, yellow	
Spot	160⅞
Dec.	154
Mar.	157¼
May	159
July	159⅛
Rye	
Dec.	138⅞-1⅛
Mar.	141¼
Oats	
Dec.	81⅛-⅜
Mar.	82⅝
Soybeans, No. 2, yellow	
Spot	270½n
Nov.	270¼-½
Jan.	273½-¾
Mar.	275¾
May	276¼-278
July	278
Barley, spot	140-150
New York flour 200 lb. sack	$15.00

—United Press.

WINNIPEG GRAIN PRICES

Winnipeg, Oct. 7.

Prices per bushel in Can. cents:

Oats	Closing Prices
Oct.	[illegible]
Dec.	[illegible]
May	[illegible]
July	[illegible]

[illegible]

World Cotton Markets

New York, Oct. 7.

Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:

Spot	35.40n
Oct.	34.74
Dec.	34.93-97
Mar.	35.25-30
May	35.44-45
July	35.42
Oct.	34.93
Dec.	34.97
Mar.	35.10

Note: The NY cotton market comment was not received.

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	34.50n
Oct.	34.71
Dec.	34.16
Mar.	35.38
May	35.16
July	35.42
Oct.	34.92
Dec.	34.93
Mar.	35.11

LIVERPOOL

Closing prices, American middling, 15/16 inch, in pence per lb., were as follows:

Oct./Nov.	32.44
Dec./Jan.	32.64
Mar./Apr.	32.66
May/June	32.71
July/Aug.	32.68

Official cotton spots values included:

Egyptian	
Karnak, good/fully/good	47.88
Giza 30, good/fully/good	42.58
Ashmouni, 15/16th inch	40.50
American middling 15/16th inch	33.30
1/16th inch	30.10
Mexican middling 1-1/32nd inch	34.23
Indian and Pakistan,	
new-ginned NT Sind	34.10
4F Sind	32.40
roller-ginned NT	32.35
roller-ginned 4F	31.30

SAO PAULO

Futures closing prices, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

Oct.	29.70
Dec.	30.00
Mar.	29.62
May	29.87
July	30.47

(In the United States, the average price of 15/16 middling at 10 spot, designated markets was unavailable today. Sales at these centres totalled 23,456 bales.)—United Press.

Exchange Rates

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RENAULT CUTS PRICES

Paris, Oct. 7.

Renault, France's biggest car manufacturers, today cut the prices of seven of their private cars and commercial vans.

The price of the "Quatre Chevaux," baby car, is lowered from 414,000 (£414 sterling) to 399,000 francs (£399 sterling).

The cuts came on the opening day at the Grand Palais here of the 41st Paris Motor Show where new models from several countries are on display.

Today's cuts followed similar announcements of price reductions in Simca and French Ford cars.—Reuter.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Oct. 7.

Individual features enlivened a slow and irregular market today with a turnover of only 1,810,000 shares.

Industrial and utility stocks were slightly lower on balance.

Out of 1,140 issues traded, 448 were lower, 410 higher.

Steel shares were among the leaders as the outlook for the steel industry is bright and company reports of increased steel buying and the announcement that Pittsburg steel will operate at 100 per cent next week stimulated demand.

Pittsburgh steel rose 1¾ in active trading. Bethlehem was up 1¼ to $80, US Steel a point to $59.

AIRCRAFT UP

Rohr Aircraft was an early feature climbing to a new high of $35, but closed only ¼ point higher at $32¼. It was the day's most actively traded issue. Ingersoll Rand continued to respond to its good dividend news, rising 3⅜ to $144⅞.

Oils had several strong spots—Texas Pacific Land Trust, up 4 to $142½, Amerada, up 2¾ to $186¾.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was $2,145,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 660,000 shares.

Dow Jones closing averages were:

30 industrials	363.79
20 rails	117.58
15 utilities	60.62
65 stocks	132.88
40 bonds	100.84
Comm. future price index	169.94

—United Press.

London Foreign Exchange

London, Oct. 7.

New York	2.79-15/16-2.80-1/16
Montreal	2.71-5/16-2.71-7/16
Copenhagen	19.42-19.42½
Paris	978¾-978½
Zurich	12.21⅝-12.21¾

Others were unchanged.—United Press.

Malayan Rubber To Be Exported In Paper Bags

Singapore, Oct. 7.

The first consignment of Malayan rubber packed in paper bags for overseas shipment will be made some time in November this year.

Mr P. J. Haring of Veths Papiecl Zakken Fabriek N. V. of Amsterdam, Holland, said the first consignment of paper bags for this purpose will arrive in Singapore next month.

The bags, Mr Haring said, were designed for the packing of first grade Ribbed Smoked Sheet rubber and crepes which are used in the United States for the manufacture of surgical appliances, golf balls and rubber bandages and other specialised goods and for which it is essential that the rubber is not damaged or contaminate in transit.

The paper company representative said that during his recent visit to the United States he found a big demand for crepes and No. 1 Ribbed Smoked Sheet rubber packed in paper bags, and there was a considerable interest in Germany for this type of rubber packing.

U.S. A REGULAR

He said the United States was already a regular of rubber packed in paper bags from Indonesia, and Ceylon had already started the export of thick, pale crepe in paper bags to the United States.

Mr Haring said this type of packing ensure 100 per cent clean rubber on exceptionally low cost of one Malayan cent a pound extra.

Before the war rubber was packed in plywood cases but this became prohibitive in cost after the war and was succeeded by the "barcback" packing which has numerous disadvantages. Mr Haring said the rubber often arrived in an unsatisfactory condition at its destination which resulted in many costly claims against exporter and shippers.—United Press.

New York Foreign Exchange

New York, Oct. 7.

Canada	$1.03-7/32
England—official	2.80-1/16
" unofficial	2.69-2.71
" 30-day futures	2.80½
" 40-day futures	2.80-3/16
Australia	2.24½
New Zealand	2.29½
South Africa	2.80-7/16
Belgium	.0200
Denmark	.1455
France	.00284⅝
Germany	.2385
Holland	.2628
Italy	.0016
Norway	.1406
Portugal	.0350
Spain	.0235
Sweden	.1934
Switzerland	.2333
Egypt	2.88½
Iran	.03125
Iraq	2.82
Turkey	.3575
Argentina	.0725
Brazil	.0550
Bolivia	.0055
Chile	.0691
Colombia	.4025
Cuba	1.00
Hongkong	.1740

—United Press.

World Rubber Markets

New York, Oct. 7.

Rubber futures today closed 45 to 50 points higher with sales of 116 contracts, lifting the market to seasonal high levels.

Earlier, gains ranging up to ½ to ⅝ cent a pound, reflected speculative buying and dealer covering prompted by strength of the London-Singapore markets and the London dock strike.

Spot rubber dealers were puzzled by the sharp rise in the primary markets. Factories were also interested, but not to the extent of engaging in any buying, apart from routine needs. Most of them passed the situation off as "probably speculative."

A few conceded that the international political situation contains many hazards, but "that situation has prevailed for a long time," was the way one observer phrased his view.

Other skeptics thought any further rise in natural rubber would turn factory buyers to synthetic. They pointed out that the substitute now is selling at an interesting discount.

Other puzzled traders said they would wait for the foreign situation to unfold a little more before drawing any conclusions.

Spot No. 1 Rss were quoted at 26 cents a pound, nominal. Future closings were:

Dec.	26.44
Mar.	26.25
May	26.25
July	26.25
Sept.	26.25
Dec.	26.25

Note: The Amsterdam rubber prices were not received.

SINGAPORE

Singapore, Oct. 7.

After opening steadier the market advanced sharply on trade support and short covering. Political news also induced some buying. It was an active market throughout the day and closed slightly off on some profit-taking. Prices:

No. 1 rubber per lb.	Oct.	74½-74⅝
	Nov.	74½-74⅝
	Dec.	unquoted
No. 2 rubber per lb.	Oct.	74½-74⅝
No. 3 " "	"	73½-73⅝
No. 4 " "	"	72½-73⅛
Spot rubber unfaled		74-74⅛
Blanket crepe		72-73
No. 1 pale crepe		83½-84½

LONDON

The market was firm with No. 1 Rss spot quoted at 22½ pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 spot Rss	22½-23½
Settlement house term:	
Nov.	22½-23½
Dec.	22½-23½
Jan./Mar.	22½-23½
Apr./June	22½-23½
July/Sept.	22½-23½
General markets, cif basis, ports:	
Oct.	21-15/16-22½
Nov.	21-15/16-22½
Dec.	21-15/16-22½
Estate crepe thick	25½
thin	24½

—United Press.

New York Sugar Market

New York, Oct. 7.

World No. 4 sugar futures closed today unchanged to 1 point higher with sales of four contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed 1 point higher to 2 points lower with sales of 217 contracts.

World futures were a featureless affair. Steadiness in domestic contracts reflected some trader expectations for a possible cut in the sugar quota.

Future closings were:

Contract No. 4 (world)

Jan.	[illegible]
Mar.	[illegible]
May	[illegible]
July	[illegible]
Sept.	[illegible]
Spot (cents per lb. f.o.b. Cuba)	[illegible]

Contract No. 6

Nov.	[illegible]
Mar.	[illegible]
May	[illegible]
July	[illegible]
Sept.	[illegible]
Nov.	[illegible]
Spot (cents per lb. c.i.f. New York duty paid)	[illegible]

Anglo-Polish Trade And Debt Talks To Be Resumed

London, Oct. 7.

Trade and debt talks between Britain and Poland, which broke down when Scotland Yard officers boarded a Polish ship in London docks to rescue a captive stowaway, are about to be resumed.

The previous talks were progressing smoothly when the Polish ship, Jaroslaw Dabrowski, steamed up the Thames late last July. Then word got ashore that 24-year-old Antoni Klimowicz, a stowaway seeking political asylum in Britain, was held prisoner aboard.

With a destroyer standing by, police officers board the ship, smashed open the door of the cabin in which Klimowicz was held captive, and took him ashore.

Few people linked Klimowicz's dramatic arrival in Britain with the abrupt departure at that time of the Polish trade[illegible] who for five months had been [illegible] trade and debt [illegible] with the British [illegible] But the two [illegible] were directly [illegible]

[illegible] HAS [illegible]

[illegible] in Britain of a whole trawler-load of Polish political refugees, it has been agreed to resume the talks.

No date has yet been fixed, but it is understood that preliminary talks will take place in London shortly, followed by a full-scale conference in Warsaw later in the year.

Debt talks with other Iron Curtain countries are scheduled for this autumn. Those between Britain and Czechoslovakia, which broke down last June, will be resumed shortly in London and similar talks will be opened with Hungary. In the near future [illegible]

CHINA MAIL

Mr Malenkov Confident Of German Unity

Moscow, Oct. 7.

The Soviet Prime Minister, Mr Georgi Malenkov, celebrating here the fifth anniversary of the East German Republic, said the world had "suffered much as a result of German militarism and a great responsibility lies on the German people to contribute to peace."

Drinking a toast to East Germany in wine from the Rhineland, West Germany, he said: "We are happy to see Germany making a contribution worthy of a great nation.

[Rhine wine was drunk because East Germany does not have her own vineyards and imports her wines from West Germany.]

"We are convinced the German people will attain their unity in spite of all the obstacles," he added.

He was speaking at an anniversary party given in Moscow's Soviet Hotel by the East German Ambassador, Herr Rudolph Appelt.

MOLOTOV'S APPEAL

Berlin, Oct. 7.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, V.M. Molotov, in a new effort to block formation of a West German anti-Communist Army, today held out hopes of unity to West Germans if they refused to implement the London nine-power decisions.

In a follow-up to his diplomatic "bombshell" last night, Mr Molotov told a mass meeting in East Berlin's Marx-Engels Platz that unity of East and West Germany was near if West Germans turned their back on Allied plans to bring 12 German divisions into the Western defence set-up.

At the same time, the deputy Premier, Walter Ulbricht, appealed again for East-West German talks on unity and a peace treaty.

Appointments

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government has appointed Lieut. G.M. Lloyd, Royal Navy, to be an Honorary Aide-de-Camp, vice Lieut. Cmdr C. K. Anthony, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Other appointments gazetted were: Mr R. E. Loureiro to be an Assistant Registrar, vice Mr A. Garcia; Mr E. A. Fisher to act as Marketing Officer during the absence of Mr Ib Petersen; Dr Ling Chuen-sheng to be a Member of the Port Welfare Committee, vice Dr Teng Pin-hui; Miss Cecilia Cheng to be an Inspector of Schools; Miss Eleanor Parkinson to be an Education Officer (Woman) on probation.

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PRIVY COUNCIL UPHOLD YSMAEL APPEAL

London, Oct. 7.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council today upheld an appeal by Juan Ysmael and Company, Incorporated of the Philippine Islands against a decision of the Hongkong Court of Appeal, arising out of a claim against the Indonesian Government for possession of the 3,679-ton freighter Tasikmalaja.

The Hongkong Full Court of Appeal had awarded the protection of diplomatic immunity to the Indonesian Consul-General from cross examination at the Supreme Court which heard the original action for possession.

In September, 1952, Mr C. W. Reece, Senior Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court in Hongkong, dismissed Indonesia's submission that its Consul-General, Kwee Djie Hoo, and a diplomatic courier should be protected by their diplomatic immunity from cross examination.

In December 1952, the Full Court of Appeal in Hongkong reversed Mr Reece's decision and in January 1953, the Court of Appeal gave permission for the case to go to the Privy Council.

Today in a reserved judgment, Earl Jowitt, presiding, said that the vessel was chartered by the Company from 1951 onwards to the Indonesian Government, who used it as a troop carrier, the last charter party being due to expire on June 30, 1952.

JUDGMENT SET ASIDE

Three days earlier a writ, addressed to all parties interested was issued by the Company claiming as owners to have legal possession of the steamship decreed to them.

Allowing the appeal with costs, Earl Jowitt said the judgment of the Hongkong Appeal Court would be set aside, including their declaration that the judgment of Mr Justice Reece was null and void, for want of jurisdiction.

The matter would be remitted to the Appeal Court in Hongkong to consider other questions raised in the appeal. All costs incurred in the courts in Hongkong were to be dealt with by the Appeal Court there.—Reuter.

[Litigation between the respective parties has proceeded for over two years.

Counsel for appellants in Hongkong were the Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, and Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr M. A. da Silva (M. A. da Silva and Co.).

The Indonesian Government were represented here by Mr John McNeill, QC, and Mr D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr P. J. Griffiths (Messrs Wilkinson and Grist).]

GOOD OLD EDEN!

Blackpool, Oct. 7.

Two resolutions were passed enthusiastically by the Conservative conference today.

One broadly applauded the Government's Foreign and Commonwealth Policy. The other said it was essential to West European security that Western Germany should make a full contribution to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.—Reuter.

Turning to domestic affairs the conference, with only one dissentient, later adopted a resolution pressing for immediate action to be taken to raise pensions.

Delegates, noting that Mr R. A. Butler, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, has already said he is reviewing the pensions question, particularly stressed the plight of the aged.

The conference also passed by a large majority, a resolution congratulating the Government on its progress in agriculture from "conditions of control to those of freedom."

But it called on the Government to "complete its policy for the orderly marketing of home produced food by methods fair to producer and consumer." — Reuter.

Commonwealth Favours GATT

Says Thorneycroft

London, Oct. 7.

The President of the Board of Trade, Mr Peter Thorneycroft, declared today that the British Commonwealth countries overwhelmingly favoured staying within the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

He was addressing the Conservative Party's annual conference at Blackpool on the third day of a commercial conference on GATT in London.

While Mr Thorneycroft defended GATT from critics within Sir Winston Churchill's governing party, the Commonwealth conference considered the position of under-developed countries in world trade and the threat of American "export subsidies."

On Mr Thorneycroft's appeal the Conservative conference rejected by a substantial majority an amendment calling for "such revision of GATT as would restore freedom in respect of Imperial Preference" (a preferential tariff system within the Commonwealth).

The conference accepted by an overwhelming majority a more mildly worded resolution calling for the maintenance of traditional ties of trade and culture "if need be, by revisions of GATT".—Reuter.

Consuls

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has recognised Mr Iskander Ishak as Consul-General for Indonesia at Hongkong, provisionally and pending the issue of Her Majesty's Exequatur, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

It was also notified that H.E. the O.A.G. has recognised Mr LaRue R. Lutkins as Consul for the United States of America, provisionally and pending instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

British Naturalisation

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Lord Rowallan Meets 'The Lion'

Lord Rowallan, Chief Scout of the British Commonwealth, about to shake hands with the "lion" at the conclusion of the lion dance by the Victoria District scouts at the floodlight rally in the HKFC Stadium, Happy Valley, last night. —(Staff Photographer).

"Horror Comics" Case: Woman Remanded

Wong Sau-chun, the 36-year-old widow charged with "exposing to the public and in a public place magazines of a revolting nature" — "Horror Comics" — was remanded on bail by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning.

The next date of hearing is Monday, October 25, when Crown Counsel will appear and the Magistrate will decide whether there is a case for defendant to answer.

Detective Sub-Inspector Jenkins prosecuted and Mr Morley-John, Crown Counsel, was present in Court as an observer.

Corporal 1346 gave evidence of seizure this morning. He told the Court that on October 2, he and a detective went to the Loyal Magazine Store at Zetland Street and seized 74 "Horror" comics which were on display. He also arrested the defendant.

Defendant, cross-examining, asked the witness whether he knew that the comics were read by adults. He replied that he did not.

ADDRESSED TO 'KIDDIES'

Inspector Jenkins pointed out that a number of the headings were addressed to "Kiddies" and contained passages like: "Hungry, kiddies? Good! Then hop into my Haunt of Fear and I'll feed you a mouldy meal of Morbidity from my Putrid Pantry. How's about a portion of Be-Bop Sea Food.. Crazy Mixed Squid? No? Then curdle up a little closer and I'll feed you my latest Ghoul-Lash."

Mr Lo said that the literature could be classified as "revolting and offensive" if it depraved the minds of the readers.

"On the whole, the books are not to my taste."

Declared Bankrupt

An adjudication order in bankruptcy was made by Mr Justice T. J. Gould (acting Chief Justice) in the Bankruptcy Court this morning in the case of Lui Chau, trading as the Taylor Construction Co., of 2A Sunning Road, and residing at 48 Fort Street, ground floor.

Mr C. M. Stevens, Legal Assistant to the Registrar-General's Department, said he was appearing on behalf of the Official Receiver in making the application. The bankruptcy itself was found on the petition filed by the debtor himself on September 9, and a receiving order was made on September 18.

The first meeting of creditors was held on September 30, when it was unanimously resolved that the debtor be adjudicated bankrupt, he added.

Lord Rowallan Leaves

Lord Rowallan left the Colony for Sandakan this morning. He had been here for the last week on an official visit.

At the Airport to see him off were Mr P. Smoldon, ADC, [illegible]

Passing Out Of Army Trainees

The 17th intake of recruits to the Hongkong Chinese Training Unit passed out at a smart Parade at Lyemun Barracks this morning after having completed a 16-week training course.

Major-General R. C. Cruddas, CB, DSO, General Officer Commanding Land Forces, Hongkong, took the salute and inspected the Parade.

During the Parade, Champion Platoon shields and trophies were also presented by General Cruddas to the winning recruits.

The 120 recruits marched to the Parade ground at 11.05 a.m. while the Band of the 1st Btn. the King's Regiment (Liverpool) played Alford's "The Standard of St George."

General Cruddas arrived ten minutes later and as he mounted the Salute Base, the Parade gave a General Salute.

TO JOIN REGULAR ARMY

Accompanied by Major R.E. Jerrard-Tull, RA, Commanding Officer of HKCTU, and Captain E. Morgan, DCM, Training Company Commander, General Cruddas inspected the four platoons.

The recruits who have completed their training in the HKCTU as soldiers of the British Regular Army, will be posted to units of the Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, Royal Corps of Signals, Royal Army Service Corps, Royal Army Medical Corps and Royal Army Ordnance Corps in the Colony.

The majority speak good English and on joining their units will begin technical training as tradesmen.

During their 16 weeks of basic training, they have achieved an excellent grounding in infantry weapons and training, and physical training.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

6 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.03, Children's Half Hour—Names that made history—John Wesley (BBC TS); 6.20, Popular Parade; 7, Favourite Tangos—Mantovani and his Orch; 7.15, Artist of the Week—Guiomar Novaes (Piano); 7.30, Viewpoint; A Weekly Magazine programme devoted to Literature, Drama and the Cinema. Edited and introduced by Timothy Birch. Books Reviewed by Roger Sudlands "Jordans Borrows another Whiskey" by Lord Dunsany; "The Devil's Daughter" by Frank Yerby; Films; Helen Orwell talks about current releases; Travel; Round the World in 80—A Talk by a Young French Philosopher/author Guillemette; 7.55, Weather Report; 8, Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 8.15, Tung Wah Hospital Flower Day—An Appeal by Mr Fung Kam-shang, Principal Director of Tung Wah Hospital (Recorded); 8.25, Melodies and Romances; 8.35, Duo Daniels and Ken [illegible] with the Lyons [illegible] (BBC TS); [illegible]

HK Gas Company's Agreement With Wheelock Marden

The Hongkong and China Gas Co., Ltd. has circulated a letter to its shareholders giving full details of the agreement it has entered into with Wheelock Marden & Co. of Hongkong, under which Wheelock Marden propose to buy the Gas company shares at 42/6 each.

Copies of the letter reached Hongkong this week.

The Chairman of directors of the Hongkong Gas Company, Mr Robert H. Glen said when the company first heard that an offer might be made on July 12, 1954 the shares were quoted on the London Stock Exchange at 30/ to 35/-. So that the shareholders would not lose by selling at those prices, the offer was made public directly it was received and considered. When the news was published the share quotations rose from 37/6 to 42/6 and on September 28 the quotation was the same.

Mr Glen said the conditions of the offer had not then been worked out in detail but the directors entered into an agreement with Wheelock Marden and Company. The proposed purchasers and their associates in Hongkong held between them more than 55,000 of the 255,937 issued shares of the company and they wanted to increase their holdings to at least 80 per cent of the whole. Mr Glen said none of the Gas company directors had any financial or other interest in Wheelock Marden and Co.

The effect of the main terms of the agreement was as follows:—

1. The purchasers would buy for cash at 42/6 each, the shares held by those shareholders who ratified the agreement. Those shareholders would remain entitled to receive an interim dividend of 4 per cent free of tax which the directors had declared for payment in October, 1954.

2. The agreement was conditional upon ratification not later than November 5, 1954 by holders of not less than 149,000 shares, or such less number as the purchasers may decide to accept.

DIRECTORS TO RETIRE

3. It was also a condition of the agreement that all directors should retire in favour of nominees of the purchasers and should be paid by the purchasers with the approval of a general meeting of the company, compensation for loss of office. The amount of compensation—£7,607 for each director—represented seven times the part of his remuneration received for the year 1953 under article 85 of the Company's articles of association.

(In effect that article provides for payment to the directors of ten per cent of the amount, if any, by which the net annual profits of the company exceed £11,000. Seven years' purchase is the basis of directors' compensation which was normally approved by Parliament and the Board of Trade on the statutory amalgamation of gas companies, and directors of a large number of gas companies had been compensated on that basis since 1933).

4. The balance of the remuneration of the directors was payable under article 84 which prescribed fixed fees for each director, with an additional sum for the chairman. No separate compensation was to be paid in respect of these fixed fees.

5. The purchasers had undertaken with Mr Glen that if the agreement became unconditional, they would procure that the company would pay Mr Glen in consideration of the surrender of his own interest in the benefit mentioned below, the sum of £2,500.

DIRECTORS' SHAREHOLDING

(In 1862, when the Gas company was formed, it entered into an agreement to buy the original concession for supplying gas in Hongkong. By that agreement, as modified in 1914 by an order of the High Court, the company is obliged, whenever its paid-up capital is increased beyond £20,000 to allot to the vendor of the concession or to his assigns, for cash at par one-tenth of the additional capital. Mr Glen inherited half of the benefit of that obligation, and the sum to be paid to him for the surrender was the same [illegible] paid to Mr D.C.E. [illegible] other [illegible]

plete and lodge such ratification in respect of their own shares. They own between them 36,034 shares.

7. Clause 8 of the agreement provides that if it becomes unconditional, the date for completion of the purchase will be November 30, when the total purchase money is to be paid by the purchasers to Messrs Cash, Stone and Company, the London Auditors of the company acting as agents for those shareholders who have ratified the agreement and this purchase money will be accounted for by Messrs Cash, Stone and Company to shareholders who have by the due date lodged with the company their share certificates with duly executed transfer forms. Clause 8 provides that if any ratifying shareholder fails to lodge these documents by the due date, the purchasers will have the option either to enforce or to cancel the purchase of the shares concerned and, in the latter event, the purchase money will be returnable to the purchasers.

8. For the protection of nine of the senior employees of the company, of whom eight are serving in Hongkong the purchasers have undertaken that, subject to certain qualifications, if any of these employees are dismissed within ten years they will be compensated on a basis similar to that provided by the Local Government Act 1933, for the compensation of redundant local authority employees. It is also provided that the auditors of the company in London and Hongkong will be either retained for three years or receive as compensation the balance of three years purchase of their annual fees.

"PERMISSION GIVEN"

9. That reasonable costs and expenses incurred in relation to the preparation and completion of the purchase agreement are to be paid by the purchasers.

Mr Glen said: "The Exchange Control Act, 1947, prohibits the transfer of shareholding control to Hongkong without permission of the Treasury and such permission has been given."

The directors were informed that the price of 42/6 was a final figure and they most carefully considered whether they would be able to recommend acceptance. They could not ignore the political and other risks of trading in the Far East, nor the fact that the present prosperity of the company had only been achieved comparatively recently, after making good the disastrous effects of the Japanese occupation.

The only material changes in the financial position of the company since December 31, 1953 were at September 23, an increase of £19,687 in the issued capital and an increase of approximately £49,000 in cash and deposits. Contracts for capital expenditure have increased by about £22,000 and trading profits for the first six months of 1954 are about 15 per cent higher than those for the corresponding period of 1953.

Shareholders may remember that on the London Stock Exchange their shares fetched 15/- to 18/- in 1938, 2/6 to 4/- in 1942, 14/6 to 17/4½ in 1946 and 14/3 to 16/3 in 1952. Each former share is now represented by 1½ shares, for which those who ratify the agreement will receive 63/9.

URGES RATIFICATION

In the circumstances Mr Glen said the directors feel bound to recommend shareholders to ratify the agreement.

Mr Glen makes this final warning: "If you prefer to retain your shares no action is required. (This refers to completing the various forms). It is thought, however, that the shares will not be as readily marketable in London as in the centre of the company's [illegible] large majority [illegible] transferred to [illegible] other [illegible]

JOHN CLARK'S CASEBOOK

The price of coffee

JAN fought for his country in his country, until foreign armies swept over it, obliterating boundary lines and frontiers. Then he, with many compatriots, found their way to other lands, where the fight was still going on.

Jan, who was not a soldier by trade, fought after that in many places geographically remote from his home. But it seemed to him and to his fellows, and to those they fought beside, that the end of the effort would be to free his country from invaders. It was only when war stopped that they understood that for them the end-result was the substitution of one invader for another. There could be no homegoing.

QUIET TIMES

JAN, when the fighting was done with, finished up in England. He was a skilled man, a toolmaker. He found a job there and was soon making good money.

He learned English and made friends. He succeeded in settling down. But he never succeeded in forgetting he was an exile.

There were times, quiet times in the evenings, when he sat alone in the furnished room that was his home, when the past pressed too close on him for comfort.

A WALK

WHEN that happened Jan knew of only one thing to do. He quit his too-quiet room and walked round to a public-house.

They knew him well there, the tall, good-looking, fair-haired foreigner, who came in from time to time, and sometimes drank his beer morosely by himself, and sometimes joined the regulars in their deep, philosophical discussions and their games of darts.

Jan went to the local the other evening. He stayed longer than usual, and drank more. When closing time came, instead of going home, Jan set off for a walk—to clear his head of the fumes of beer and tobacco, perhaps, or perhaps because he was not yet ready to face the silence of his room.

SPOTTED

HIS walk took him aimlessly through Chelsea, and at some stage some mischief possessed him. He began to try the door-handles of parked cars. One handle yielded. From the car Jan stole a small tin of coffee. Then he resumed his ramble, still trying car-handles now and then.

In one street, he was seen at it. A major-general saw him and telephoned the police. Within a few minutes they were tailing Jan. When the police had seen enough, Jan was arrested.

At the West London court next morning, he pleaded guilty to loitering with intent, to pilfer from cars and to stealing the coffee from one car.

£15 A WEEK

HE closed his eyes as the story was told to Mr J. L. Powell as if he could not believe that the actions being described were his actions.

"He's 40 years old, single and earns £15 a week, out of which he pays £2 for his lodgings," said the policeman who had arrested him.

The magistrate asked Jan what he had to say. Jan shook his head as if he despaired of himself, let alone trying to explain it to someone else. "I didn't know what I was doing, that's all I can say," he said.

"I shan't impose a penalty for the loitering," said the magistrate. "For the theft, you will go to prison for seven days."

"This way," said the gaoler and Jan was led out to the cells of a small room where, for a week, he should have only the company of himself and memory.

Two Killed In Clash With Bandits

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